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Count Ciano's note, after recapitulating the verbal assurances previously recalled by the Ambassador, reads: "I have consequently no difficulty on behalf of the Royal Italian Government in confirming accuracy of His Majesty's Government's assumption, namely, that so far as Italy is concerned, the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and unimpaired." — British Wireless.



# MAKE THEM for HIM

By  
Susan  
Gay

SINCE this weekly feature started I've suggested and described all sorts of patterns that will make a woman look smart and attractive; quite a few that are serviceable and pretty for the children; and, once, a layette for the new baby.

It seems to me, therefore, that it's time I gave a thought to the men—especially as winter is here, and we're racking our brains for bright ideas for warmies for male friends.

So I have looked out three patterns, any one of which, made up, would be an excellent gift. And they are all quite easy to make.

TAKE the dressing-gown for example, shown on the third of Angrave's Invisible Men. A good comfortable style. Easy to slip into with its raglan-shaped shoulders that adapt themselves so accommodatingly to a man's figure, even if he's the very square-shouldered type.

Make it in some warm but light-weight material, a checked cashmere, for instance, one of the new wide-striped woollens or a very soft tweed. Or you can find some interesting broadens in the soft furnishing department that would be admirable for this pattern.



If your husband or boy friend does a lot of travelling then make it in a Palsley-patterned foulard or a dark spotted shantung, so that it will pack up small and travel well.

A NEAT design was used for the pyjama suit shown in the centre of the illustration. This is a particularly good style for winter wear, for the front can be buttoned right up to the throat on cold nights.

The sleeves are set plainly into fairly loose armholes that allow plenty of freedom of movement, lessening the strain at the back of

the arms where jackets seem so often to split.

If you want it to be an extra nice present, make this pattern up in washing silk. It gives a lovely feeling of luxury and yet it wears and launders marvellously.

THE shirt shown here is a good tailored style. The most important thing about a shirt is the neck fitting. Make sure you measure the right size and then you will find the finished product will be a great success.

You can make this pattern in the fray.

ordinary English style, with the almost waist-length opening. Or you can make it in the American coat shape, that is, opening all the way down. And you have a choice of two types of collar, one with points and the other with rounded ends, as shown in the small sketch.

I suggest you make two of each, for collars have a much harder life than the rest of the shirt.

You will probably also have enough material left to make a second pair of cuffs, ready to stitch on when the original ones begin to

## BREAKFAST IN BED

FOR ALL that early-rising Spartans may say to the contrary, breakfast in bed can be a benediction, a rejuvenation, a refuge from unpleasant realities and a mild health cure. Often there is no argument when doctor's orders are to take breakfast in bed at least once a fortnight.

Hard-working women who can once a week recline for an hour over morning coffee and rolls or rasher and toast ought to raise this indulgence to the level of a serious ritual.

Begin with a lacy wool or frilly satin negligee, a hot-water bottle and then one of those six-way cushions to prop a lazy back. As their name implies the cushions—which are made in fifty different colours—are shaped like a rounded wedge to fit into the small of the back and to support the shoulders.

Alternatively, get a white quilted satin cushion or a modern ice satin one which has the frosted surface and bluish colour of ice, but is very caressing for a languid head.

Breakfast trays can be, and should be, blithely informal, gay and fresh. Its preparation must allow for a serve-yourself meal in homes where breakfast in bed is not conducted by a maid or butler. (Better without either, a doctor would advise.)

Flowers, if any, can be arranged in a squat Venetian glass vase, or a pottery pot made so low as to be secure against tipping.

The tray should belong to the breakfast set and be in colours to woo the "breakfast" mood. The flannel woman can match them to the colours of her bed-linen, eiderdown, or walls.

After a sleepless night, cereal and cream would look most inviting on a tray painted in a dusty gold cream with gold points. The bone china made of cream with broad bands of apple green and fine gold and in the case of one most attractive type finished with a glass-like sheen the centre resists heat, fire and spirit. All are mounted with chromium-plated frames and handles. On a sycamore tray, breakfast

and salt pots shaped like tiny fruits help to improve appetite and outlook. Tray cloths are no longer needed with these attractive trays, but finger napkins and tea and egg coasters are made to match. Here, again, it is those with green applique or embroidery which help us to meet the morning with happiness.

Soft green is a favourite colour for the early morning. On a tray as green as a lawn, the plates and cups look merry with their graduated hoops of green.



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## Useful Chutneys

Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

THESE chutneys are particularly useful because they can be quite easily made and the ingredients are easy to get. Chutneys often make all the difference to cold meats in winter time, whether they are home-made or some of the excellent proprietary kinds.

### Banana Chutney

PEEL and slice with a stainless steel knife a dozen bananas. Chop finely a pound of cooking apples, half a pound of onions, and six ounces of seedless raisins. Put these with the bananas into an enamelled saucepan with half a pint of white wine vinegar, half a pound of granulated sugar, a dessertspoonful of curry powder, salt, cayenne pepper and half a tea-spoonful each of ground ginger and powdered cinnamon. Simmer slowly for two to three hours, being careful to stir to prevent burning. Cool and put into pots like jam.

### Green Tomato Chutney

CHOP up finely five pounds of green tomatoes, sprinkle them over with salt, cover them and let them stand all night. In the morning drain off the liquid, and put the tomato into a stewpan with two pounds of apples and a pound of onions cut up, a pound of brown sugar, a quart of vinegar, half a pound of treacle, and some cloves, allspice and pepper-corns tied up in muslin bag. Boil all together until the tomatoes are tender (about an hour), take out the bag of spices, pot and cover when cold.

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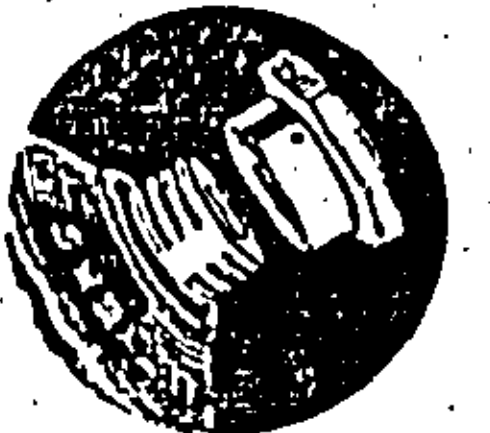
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# Churchill Sounds Grave War Alarm

## THE NATIONS MUST UNITE WITHIN 6 MONTHS

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL sounded a war alarm recently when he addressed in the Albert Hall a great non-party meeting for the defence of freedom and peace. Ten thousand people of all shades of political and social thought heard the warning—heard this solemn declaration by the speaker:

"To stop the coming war, we must in the next six months gather together the greatest number of nations—all as well armed as possible—and united under the Covenant of the League."

Mr. Churchill said there were two great groups of nations, which he described as "insurance groups," which profoundly desired peace.

In the west were Great Britain, France and Belgium, with which ought to be effectively associated "the very anxious" States of Holland and Switzerland.

In the east were Poland, the Baltic States and the populous arm States of Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

### RUSSIA WANTS PEACE

"There are good reasons for believing that the Government and people of Russia want to live in peace. A combination of Russia and all these eastern European Powers would be most weighty and substantial."

"Thus we have two great groups of nations, more or less effectively armed, none of which wish for war. The crucial question is whether we should become associated for mutual protection?"

"Once the League of Nations is added to this force, and sanctions their action, you will have a great preponderance of material and physical military force—and it may be of decisive importance—the law of the world and the measured, deliberate judgment of mankind."

### LEAGUE'S BIG CHANCE

Mr. Churchill said our engagements must not at this stage go beyond the obligations of the Covenant. Our Foreign Secretary was fully justified in defining them with the utmost precision.

He believed that the great days of the League had yet to come. It was never so necessary for the world, never had it so fine a chance; never such solid backing.

Mr. Churchill referred to "this disgusting Jew-baiting which some people are trying to import here." He spoke of Sir Oswald Mosley as one of those who were "fascinated by the spectacle of brutal and ruthless power."

"At the other end of the political scale are the Trotskyite Communists—men who regard the opportunity for Russia to prove it she can that Socialism will work—but the furious fanatics who labour for world revolution."

### A LONG WAY ROUND

"Thirdly, we have Sir Stafford Cripps. He is in a class by himself. He wishes us to be conquered by the Nazis in order to stir us into becoming Bolsheviks. It seems a long way round."

"Lastly, we have the absolute non-entities, Canon Sheppard and Mr. Lansbury."

"These are pious men, but they would lead us to ruin, even more surely than the others."

"Their plan is for us all to lie prostrate on our faces and see what the dictators will do to us."

"At a moment when all over Europe even children are being taught compulsorily to play their part in war, these men actually boast that they are persuading more young men every week to vow that they will not fight for any cause than the Secretary for War can recruit for our modest little army."

"What a freak show!"

"What a pity the Crystal Palace has been burnt down."

"Is it not time for the free nations—the Liberal (I use the word in a non-political sense) Parliamentary democracies, great or small—to take all the necessary measures to place themselves in a state of security and a state of adequate defence, not only for their own safety, but also that they may hold aloft those beacon lights of freedom, which will carry their rays of hope and encouragement to the thinkers and the toilers in every land?"

"Must the Liberal democracies remain helpless spectators of the conflagration and carnage?"

"I wish we were strong enough to bring this slaughter to a close."

"If we are powerless to-day—too weak, too east down, it is our own fault."

"We have not kept our lamps burning for the call. Other calls may come. Let us prepare."

### SIR WALTER'S CHOICE

Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, who presided, said: "If I have to

### London—In Five Million Words

FIVE million words will be written about London before the gigantic survey undertaken by the London County Council, begun in 1912, is completed.

Only a third of the 50 ponderous volumes contemplated have so far been published.

One volume per year has been the average output, and the cost of compiling a volume has latterly been about £800.

Antiquaries, archaeologists and historians are giving the London Survey Committee their voluntary services in speeding up the work.

### "BRITAIN'S HERITAGE" AS A FILM

#### Entertainment for Coronation Time

By A Film Critic

A realistic and ambitious film is to be made for the Coronation period.

Permission for pictures to be taken of the Coronation Throne, of scenes in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, of the Stone of Scone, and of the King's aeroplane have been granted by the King himself.

All services in connection with the film have been given without profit, and the proceeds are to go towards the King George V. National Memorial Fund.

The picture, which is called "Our Royal Heritage," will be shown as a feature production and as seven one-reel pictures, each under a "Heritage" title. They are "Heritage of the Soil," "of Defence," "of the Sea," "of the Air," "of Industry," "of Happiness," and "of the Home."

For taking the scenes in Westminster, the Coronation Throne was moved for the first time for hundreds of years. It is believed to be the first time in this country that Royal co-operation has been granted in the production of a film.

The director of the picture is Mr. Wigley Newman. Units for taking scenes in different parts of the Empire have travelled the equivalent of four times round the world, and have exposed a million feet of film.

Co-operation has been given also by the Admiralty, the War Office, the Air Ministry, the Lord Mayor of London, the Office of Works, and many other public bodies and organisations. A steel foundry in Southampton, Lincolnshire, closed down for a day while filming was in progress, and 2,000 workers received full pay during filming.

Among the most interesting scenes will be those of the changing of the Guard, photographed from Buckingham Palace, the Palace Gardens, photographed for the first time, and those at the farm on the estate of the Duke of Cornwall.

The first three reels deal with the history of the land, the Army, Air Force, and Navy defence, and to the sea; while the fourth covers the air progress from the first flight made by man to the anticipated Transatlantic air service.

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## YEAR II OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

### Mussolini Starts A New Calendar To Celebrate Ethiopian Conquest

Rome, January 1.

The year just expired witnessed the foundation of a new Roman Empire. Henceforth Italian calendars will designate 1936 as "Year I of the Empire."

The dogged will and determined courage of Premier Benito Mussolini, in face of international opposition, gave Italy its new empire. Upon King Victor Emanuel the Italian dictator conferred the title of Emperor of Ethiopia and upon himself the title of Empire Founder.

Italy's conquest of Haile Selassie's hordes, initiated on October 3, 1935 and completed on May 5, 1936, added 350,000 square miles of territory to Italy's possessions. Three times the size of Italy, this rich territory has a population of 8,000,000 and unlimited natural resources.

Number 1 event of the year, therefore, was the conquest of Ethiopia. Number 2 event was Italy's alliance with Germany. The latter development was brought about by England's and France's opposition to Mussolini's colonial war in violation of the League Covenant.

This year, which has proved so lucky for Italy, did not begin so propitiously for Mussolini and his Black Shirt Legions. At the close of 1935 his armies in Africa were hundreds of miles from Addis Ababa, the League of Nations was threatening an oil embargo and the gold reserve of the Bank of Italy (because of sanctions) were fast dwindling.

Mussolini threatened military resistance which would have meant war in Europe if the League carried out its project for an oil embargo against Italy.

Millions of Italians came to the rescue of the Treasury by contributing their gold wedding rings and trinkets to provide gold for war purchases. The amount received has never been published, but it is believed it tipped the government over a dangerous financial crisis and united the country against its enemies as it never has been united since the advent of Fascism.

The anti-Fascist campaign had reached War Communism Number 85 when the present year dawned. There was talk of offensives on both the northern and southern fronts, and rumours of the possibility of war in Europe.

On January 12th General Rodolfo Graziani initiated his offensive on the northern front and on January 22nd captured Naghila. A few days later, on January 25th, Marshal Pietro Badoglio started his offensive on the northern front and after four days fighting routed the Ethiopians in the Battle of the Tembien, killing 50,000.

HAILE SELASSIE DEFEATED. The first part of February was spent in large scale preparations for new advances on both fronts, while the League of Nations was hesitating over the application of an oil embargo.

The United States adopted an independent policy of neutrality and the League abandoned its plans for new sanctions. The Italians were grateful to Washington, and redoubled efforts to finish the war as soon as possible.

In the middle of February General Badoglio met and after five days fighting defeated Ras Mulugheta and his horde of 80,000 warriors, killing about 6,000. He followed up this victory on February 29th with a Second Battle of the Tembien, routing Ras Kassa and Seyoum in which the Ethiopians lost more than 5,000 men.

The morale of the Ethiopians was shaken and the Italians prepared during March for new advances on all fronts. On March 31st Badoglio initiated an offensive at Lake Aschlagh against the Ethiopians led by Haile Selassie.

The Emperor was badly defeated and fled toward Dessie, leaving 7,000 men on the battlefield.

On April 1st another Italian column occupied Gondar and by April 4th all the Ethiopian forces on the northern front were in full retreat. On April 15th the Italians occupied Dessie, former headquarters of the Emperor's northern army, and by April 25th the Italians were in complete control of the Lake Tana region.

At the end of April Graziani took Salsobeh and crushed Ras Masibu, while Badoglio was pushing southward from Dessie toward Addis Ababa.

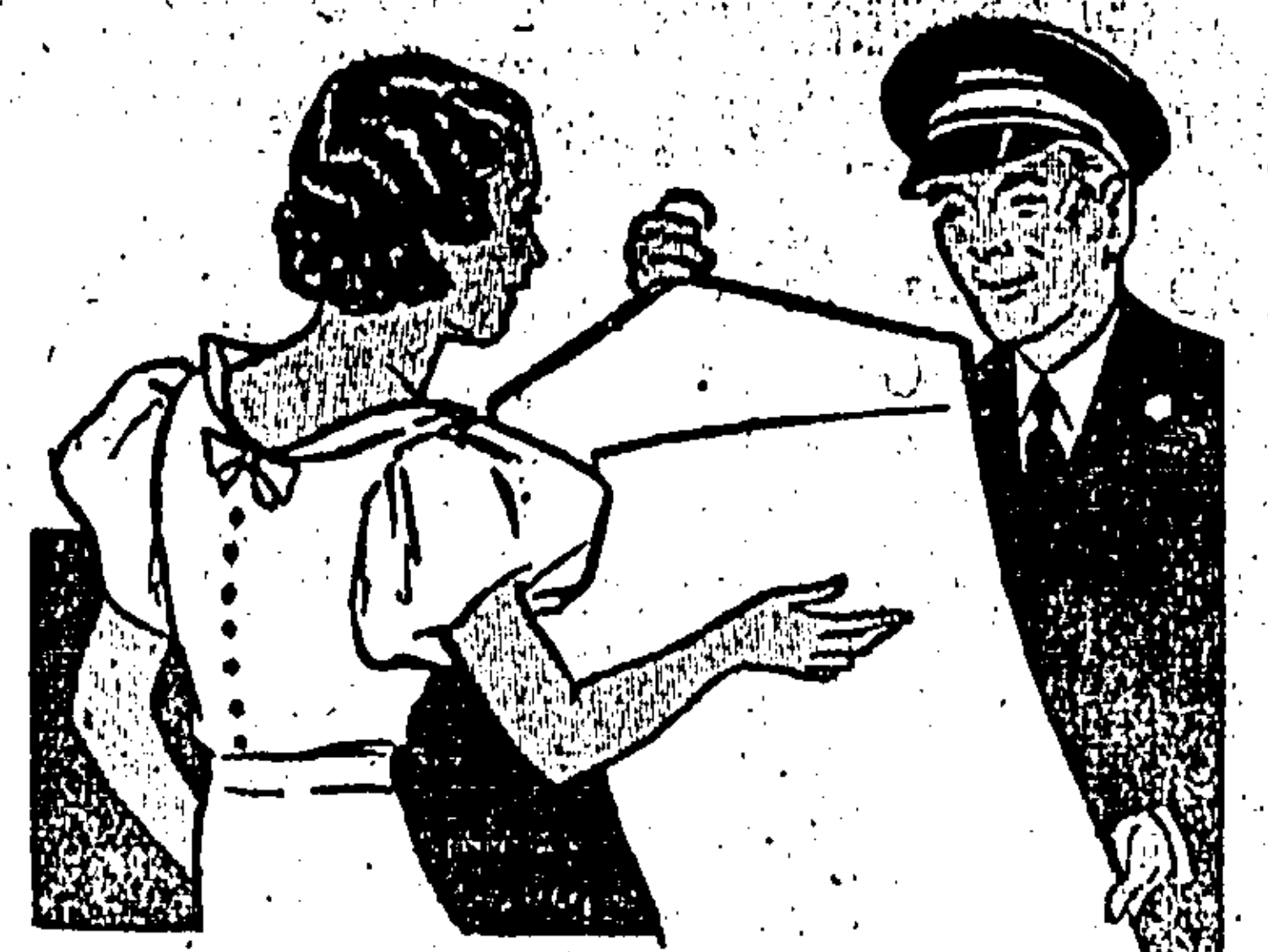
After wallowing through mud and bumping over roads unfit even for camels, Badoglio, in the afternoon of May 6th, entered Addis Ababa to find the Emperor already had fled the country.

With the occupation of Addis Ababa, Mussolini called the nation into the public squares and announced: "Ethiopia is Italian." The rejoicing continued throughout the night.

On May 9th the victory was consolidated with an announcement of the annexation of Ethiopia and the proclamation of King Victor Emanuel as Emperor of Ethiopia.

The war had lasted hardly seven months and had cost Italy the lives of about 3,000 men. Even the most optimistic expert had predicted it would take Italy at least two years to conquer Ethiopia.

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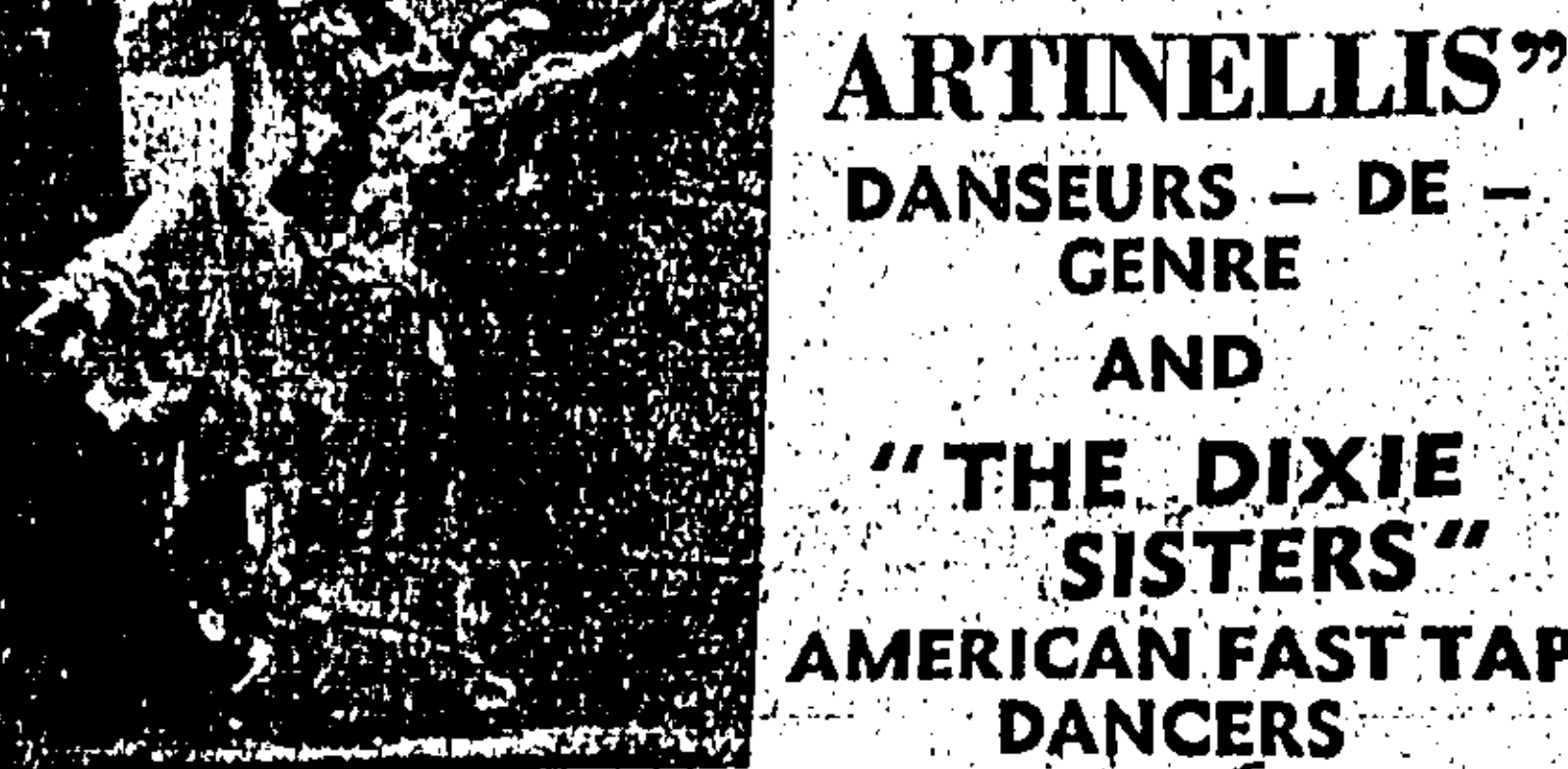
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# ATHLETIC SET HOT PACE

(Continued from Page 8.)

disappointed, and none of the inside men impressed.

## THE GAME IN BRIEF

The game was not very old when Athletic were rewarded with a goal for their persistent and lively attacks. There was a smart move in the centre resulting in Tang Kwong-sum securing possession when well placed. He shot hard and McConnel, rushing up to intercept, had the mortification of seeing the ball twist off his foot into the net. In less than ten minutes Ulster were on level terms, Doherty working in nicely and centring hard and low from left; Tam Kwan-kan got his hands to the ball but could not hold it and Moore rushed up to put the finishing touch. The game was half ended, though both goals should have fallen more than once. Moore and Killen missed for the Rifles and Lal Wai-dai, made an awful mess of a pass across the goalmouth when three yards out.

The Rifles quickly became dominant in the second half, and pummeled away at a stout defence. Often the soldiers' full backs were over the halfway line so insistent were the offensive, yet seldom did the Rifles look capable of scoring. Great opportunities went begging. Killen fozzling several by attempting to shoot when he should have centred.

Eventually the Rifles got right through and as Moore (I think it was) was about to recover the ball on the goal line he was tripped from behind. A penalty was the only thing to give yet Stevens who ran up to take it, could only shoot straight at the goal-keeper who scrambled the ball away for a corner. But it was merely a respite. Killen put in a perfect kick from the flag, and Miller, rushing up from half back banged the ball past a crowd of players.

Thereafter the "Ulsters" were top dogs and the Athletic forward line could not get going. Their efforts were nullified on the halfway line, and only the determined resistance of the Chinese defence, plus poor finishing by the Rifles' quintette, prevented three goals being piled up against the Athletic.

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## MACAO AGAIN

### TRIUMPH

(Continued from Page 8.)

the opposition. Tara Singh, centre

half, was constantly in the thick of

clashes and with the wing halves

played stoutly. Menaced time and

again by the opposing attack, the

halves were unable to position with

sufficient accuracy. At back,

Fushan and Dario Singh played

a destructive game. The visitors

did not concede anything, but played

with all possible grit to the end.

Playing for the visitors were Naha

Fazal; Fushan and Dario Singh;

Bachan, Yara and Hazara Singh;

Khuda Bux, Kishan Singh, Tara

Singh, Huda Bux, Chis Singh.

Macao's team consisted of Almada;

Rosario, Lammert; J. Nolasco, Alex

Alrosa, L. Costa; F. Nolasco, Alberto

Alrosa, Pedrinho Angelo, H. Rosario,

Amilcar Angelo.

## BASKET BALL

Bringing their newly formed

basket ball team and soccer eleven, a

sports delegation numbering about

thirty of the Canton Municipal Police

paid a visit to Macao this week-end.

They met the Macao South China

Athletic Association at basket ball

yesterday and were victorious by a

score of 43-20, and triumphed again

by 53-33 against a team selected from

various clubs. Contesting a foot-

ball match with Macao, the Canton

Police defeated the Artillery, Macao's

League champions, by a score of

three clear goals and drew with the

Macao Police Club, three all.

## RADIO BROADCAST

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7.45 p.m. Rhodora.

7.45 p.m. Haydn Heard and his Band,

from the West End Cinema.

8.25 p.m. The Four Winds.

8.55 p.m. The News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. The Third Cricket Test Match:

Australia v. England.

9.30 p.m. Marches.

Transmission 3

(G.S.B., G.S.P., G.S.L.)

10 p.m. Big Ben. Empire Magazine.

10.30 p.m. The Ballad Concert.

11 p.m. Yesterday and Tomorrow.

11.45 p.m. Variety.

12.30 p.m. Chinese Organ Recital.

12.45 p.m. The Third Cricket Test Match:

Australia v. England.

12 a.m. A Sonata Recital.

12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.

12.50 a.m. Dance Music.

## NEW ROAD NAMES

In future the cul-de-sac commencing

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Second Lieutenant H. A. de B.



## SINGAPORE NAVAL MANOEUVRES

### WARSHIPS LEAVING HONGKONG

H.M.S. Dorsetshire was flying the pennant yesterday preparatory to proceeding home for re-commissioning and re-fit. She has been on the China Station for two years.

From to-day there begins a general exodus of warships from Hongkong to Singapore, where manoeuvres on a large scale are planned to commence in February. Upwards of a score of ships are leaving Hongkong, two of them, the aircraft carrier H.M.S. Hermes and H.M.S. Dorsetshire, will be returning to-day as they will be returning from Singapore, but will go home for re-commissioning or re-fitting at the conclusion of their service on this station.

In place of the Hermes, the larger aircraft carrier H.M.S. Eagle will again be seen in this harbour probably by February, as she will also stop over at Singapore on her way out. The following warships leave to-day to show the flag at ports seldom visited by H.M. Navy and they will then proceed leisurely to Singapore. H.M.S. Dorsetshire, for Malaya, and H.M.S. Duncan, P.L., H.M.S. Hermes, P.L., H.M.S. Diamond and the submarine Odis for Puerto Principe, P.L., H.M.S. Diana and the submarine Perseus for Port Said, P.L., H.M.S. Adventure returned from Shanghai on Saturday morning and in accordance with the custom of saluting the Admiral's flag in the new year, she fired 15 guns as she steamed into harbour.

Her place at Shanghai is taken by H.M.S. Grimsby.

The U.S.S. Asheville is due in from Canton and will stay until January 10. H.M.S. Saga is also due to-day from Canton.

#### Officers Promoted

Officers at present on the China Station are included among the promotions notified by the Admiralty, to date December 31, 1936. The complete list is given below:

From Commander to Captain: D. N. C. Tufnell, R.N., H.M.S. Durban; R. O. Fitzroy, Senior Officer, War Course; J. M. Howson, H.M.S. Victory; G. E. M. O'Brien, H.M.S. Dolphin; G. H. Warner, R.N., H.M.S. St. Vincent; G. D. Yates, H.M.S. Drake; P. Todd, H.M.S. Victory; A. C. Madden, H.M.S. Rodney; M. H. A. Kelsey, R.N., H.M.S. Shropshire; M. L. Denny, H.M.S. Rodney; R. L. C. Smith, 2nd, Sea Lord's Office for Appointments; R. V. Symonds-Taylor, R.N., H.M.S. Neptune; G. M. B. Langley, R.N., Naval Air Division; P. Ruck-Keene, unattached.

From Lieutenant-Commander to Commander: R. G. Maclellan, H.M.S. Nelson; E. H. Baker, H.M.S. Raleigh; G. R. Weymouth, H.M.S. Nelson; R. V. Ross, H.M.S. Raleigh; E. G. McGregor, H.M.S. Nelson; T. J. N. Hillen, H.M.S. Anthony; G. K. Whitely-Smith, H.M.S. Hermes; R. Heathcote, H.M.S. York; J. N. Sparks, H.M.S. Rodney; W. Y. King, H.M.S. Odin; G. V. Gladstone, H.M.S. London; R. G. Toole, (Squadron Leader, R.A.F.); H.M.S. Courageous; H. P. Henderson, H.M.S. Cyclops; E. R. C. Baker, H.M.S. Cyclops; D. M. L. Neame, H.M.S. Cornwall; J. D. Harvey, H.M.S. Hermes; W. G. Davis, H.M.S. Brilliant; J. W. Culbert, H.M.S. Amphion; T. M. Brownrigg, H.M.S. Cairn; P. Skelton, H.M.S. Hood; D. H. Secker, H.M.S. Dunedin; C. W. Byas, (Squadron Leader, R.A.F.); H.M.S. Hermes; A. G. V. Hubback, H.M.S. Royal Sovereign; C. W. Lamb, H.M.S. Devonport; B. J. H. Wilkinson, Torpedo and Mining Department.

From Commander (E) to Captain (E): A. L. P. Mark-Wardlaw, Assistant Naval Attaché (U.S.A.); and G. C. McLean, H.M.S. Nelson.

From Lieutenant-Commander (E) to Commander (E): C. H. Pearson, Dockyard, Chatham; A. H. Gwyther, H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth; P. C. Taylor, Keyham College; W. E. C. Davy, H.M.S. Nelson; J. G. C. Given, Engineer-in-Chief of the Dept. of T. Green, Engineer-in-Chief's Dept.

Engineer Lieutenant-Commander to Engineer Commander: F. J. Allison, H.M.S. Comet; L. H. W. Mauger, H.M.S. Dolphin; and J. E. Cooke, Dockyard, Devonport.

#### Medical And Paymaster

Surgeon Commander (D) to Acting Surgeon Captain (D): A. Lawrey, R.N., H.M.S. Drake.

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander (D) to Surgeon Commander (D): H. J. Luck, Naval Hospital, Portsmouth; T. Hunt, Naval Hospital, Haslar; and C. J. Finnigan, H.M.S. Victory.

Paymaster Commander to Paymaster Captain: A. C. M. Edmonds, R.N., H.M.S. Drake; and R. D. Gordon, R.N., Office of Admiral.

Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander to Paymaster Commander: N. L. B. H.M.S. Cornwall; F. M. H.M.S. Iron Duke; A. P. H.M.S. St. Angelo; R. W. H.M.S. Pembroke; D. H. H.M.S. Challenger; F. A. Dorsetshire, W. B.

Director-General's: Matthews, H.M.S. Victory; and the Second.

Marines: Lieutenant D. Brooks, R.N.

## RIZAL DAY PARTY

### LOCAL FILIPINOS CELEBRATE

Rizal Day, the fortieth anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal was celebrated in customary fashion by the local Filipino community at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, when a luncheon and dance were held. The gathering was presided over by Mr. R. Bana, and a large number of people attended.

After an excellent lunch had been served, Mr. R. S. Castro, the Hon. Secretary of the Filipino Club, addressed the guests. He said the anniversary of the death of the great martyr actually fell on December 30, but the celebrations had been postponed in order to secure a larger attendance.

Their foreign friends did not appear to have appreciated the attitude adopted by the Filipinos in resorting to rebelling to free themselves. They were gathered together then, for the express purpose of paying tribute to a man who was solely responsible for the liberation of their country from an unjust and arbitrary government. On December 30, 1906, Dr. Jose Rizal courageously sacrificed his life.

Mr. Castro said they may have noticed the absence of a concert at the function. It was due to the fact that the bandmen had been unable to devote any time towards the drawing-up of an appropriate programme. Several musicians, however, had voluntarily promised to provide music for the dance to follow. He concluded by expressing his thanks to all for their presence.

#### Emancipation

Mr. Bana then made his speech. He said Rizal Day was the first national holiday of the Filipino people to commemorate the emancipation of their country.

Labour had borne fruit, and in a few years they would have reached their goal, thanks to the generous act of the United States Government.

The history of the life of Dr. Rizal was well-known. He was the father, mother, brother and sister of all the Filipinos. The speaker thought it would not be amiss to dwell upon some of the allures of the patriot.

Dr. Rizal, he said, used to keep a splendid library here in Hongkong. As a marksman, he was an excellent shot. He could with a pistol shatter a coin thrown into the air. He was a good exponent of the art of fencing, and was adept in modelling statues in plaster. The doctor also experimented with smokeless powder. From Hongkong, the patriot went to his final work in the Philippines, and to his glorious death which immortalised his name.

The President expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering at the function, which had been held year after year although the Filipino community in Hongkong was so small. He hoped the function would be continually held in the future in order that the memory of Dr. Rizal might live on.

After the President's address, the band played the national anthem, and then the guests were entertained by a series of musical numbers. The band played the national anthem, and then the guests were entertained by a series of musical numbers.

The officers responsible for the function were: Executive Committee: Mr. R. Bana (Chairman), Mr. R. Lasala (Vice-Chairman), Dr. V. N. Aleniza (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. T. G. G. (Hon. Secretary), Orchestra: Prof. F. Gonzalez. Decorations: Mr. J. B. Vargas. Reception: Mr. I. S. Castro.

Among those present were Mr. C. M. Alves, Mr. and Mrs. Almeida, Messrs. F. Corpio, D. Asis, F. Elizaga, J. Ermelga, G. Gatchalian, L. R. Idefonso, P. Y. Mayrina, L. Mercado, E. T. Porter, Mrs. J. Landolt, Mrs. Ray, Messrs. J. Silverio, D. Silverio, S. Tionson, S. Leonard, N. Leonard, Miss D. Leonard, Messrs. E. Alvelo, C. R. Silva, M. A. da Silva, Mr. Seelo, Miss E. Seeto, Miss B. Seeto, Mr. G. D'Aquino, Mr. G. S. Angeles and Mr. Pomping Villa, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. R. Souza, and Mrs. V. N. Aleniza.

## APPOINTMENTS

### CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE POSTS

The following appointments are notified by the Government: Mr. Thomas Megaw to be Deputy Clerk of Councils with effect from December 28, 1936.

Mr. Stephen Francis Balfour to be an assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, with effect from December 20, 1936.

Mr. John Pelly Murphy to act as Assistant Land Officer and Deputy Registrar of Marriages, with effect from December 28, 1936, and to be an official Justice of the Peace.

Sub-Inspector Albert Leslie Hopkinson to be an Examiner of Weights and Measures under the Weights and Measures Ordinance, and also an Inspector under the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, with effect from January 1.

H.M.S. Carlisle. Captain to Brevet Major: P. W. O'H. Phillips, Portsmouth Division. The following promotions have been announced by the Commonwealth Naval Board to date December 31, 1936:

Lieutenant-Commander to Commander: R. R. Dowling, H. M. S. Cerberus.

Lieutenant Commander (E) to Commander (E): C. C. Clark, H. M. S. Stuart.

Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander to Paymaster Commander: T. F. Maynard, H. M. S. Cerberus.

The following promotion has been announced by the Department of National Defence, Ottawa, to date January 1, 1937:

Lieutenant-Commander to Commander: E. R. Malinguy, H.M.S. Saguenay.



William Powell and Carole Lombard, who star in the new romantic comedy, "My Man Godfrey," now showing simultaneously at the Queen's, Alhambra and Star Theatres.

## CAR FARE NOT PAID

### TWO BRITISH SAILED FINED IN COURT

Two stokers from H.M.S. Dorsetshire, Alfred Griffith and Arthur Lloyd, were charged before Mr. Justice at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning with failing to pay car fare of \$6 to Wong Yuk, driver of public motor car No. 440.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty.

Detective-Sergeant Esall, prosecuting, said that, according to the complainant's story, he was engaged by the two sailors about 2.30 a.m. on Saturday outside the Tung Shan Hotel in Connaught Road Central, who told him to take them around the Island. The driver did so, and arrived back at the hotel at approximately 4.30 a.m. The driver told them the fare was \$6, and second defendant offered him 30 cents, which he refused to take. The sailors then entered the Club. The driver followed, but claimed he was chased out. The driver reported the matter to the Police. Later in the morning, about 7 o'clock, the driver saw the two defendants in a Japanese beer hall, and the Police were called and defendants were taken into custody.

Evidence was then given by Wong. He said that prior to the trip around the Island, Lloyd broke the pane of glass at the rear of the car, and cut a finger of his left hand in doing so. Each defendant had then a bottle of beer and a glass and witness stopped at the incline of May Road to allow them to consume the drinks. Defendants appeared to be sober.

A Rough Night. Sub-Inspector D. Reidy, Inspector-on-duty at No. 2 Police Station on Saturday morning, said defendants were brought in by a naval picket. Witness noticed that Lloyd's hand had been cut, and that he had been taken from the car. Defendants after they seemed to have had plenty of drink, and to have spent a rough night.

His Worship examined Lloyd's cut finger and the blood-stained glass, and marked the injury did not appear to be very decisive.

Both defendants declined to give evidence in the box. Griffith said he knew nothing about the alleged incident. He explained the alleged incident by saying that Lloyd had struck him in the mouth earlier that morning.

Lloyd said he came ashore about 4.30 p.m. on Friday, and had several drinks at the China Fleet Club, afterwards going along to the Hotel Cecil, where a few more drinks were consumed. Griffith was not with him, and defendant and another sailor went to the Queen's Dance Hall and then to the Dreamland Dance Hall, finally turning in at the Club at 1 a.m.

Stoker Albert R. Addoo, of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, was called as a witness by the accused. Addoo said he had been with Lloyd the whole of Friday evening. They had been to the Queen's Theatre and had returned to the China Fleet Club for a game of tombola. After taking some supper, they went to the Queen's Theatre and then to the Dreamland Dance Hall, and then to the Dreamland Dance Hall, finally turning in at the Club at 1 a.m.

They all went to bed about 1.30 a.m. Witness and Lloyd slept in the same ward, and Griffith slept in another ward. The next morning, while they were all waiting for a plinthe to take them back to their ship, a naval picket came up and took the two defendants into custody. Witness agreed that it was possible for the accused to have left the Club without his knowing of it. His Worship convicted both defendants.

Engineer-Lieutenant W. T. Barrard, who was present in Court, said that both defendants had very good characters. Griffith earned 45 sh. a day wages, and Lloyd earned 35 sh. a day.

Defendants were fined \$15 each and ordered to pay \$5 amounts each to Wong.

## POLICE ASSAULTED

### HAWKERS IN SHAMSHUPO GIVE TROUBLE

Cheung Yuk, 27, unlicensed hawkker, regretted not answering his bail of \$50 when he appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday after he had been arrested on a warrant. He pleaded not guilty to a charge of assaulting PC C380, Chan Chiu, but was convicted and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

In addition to his money which had previously been exonerated, Cheung gave an excuse for not answering his bail that he was suffering from consumption, and produced several native doctors' certificates.

A medical examination at the Kowloon Hospital, however, showed that there was nothing wrong with him. The constable deposed that, when

## THE HAITAN

### SPECIAL CHARTER BY N.Y.K. LINE

The N.Y.K. line have chartered the local Douglas steamer Haitan for a trip to Manila in order that the passengers arriving here on the trans-Pacific liner Taiyo Maru will not have to wait in Hongkong for over a fortnight before being able to proceed south.

The absence of American ships on the Pacific, and most particularly the suspension of the Dollar Line services, has meant that berths between this port and Manila are becoming increasingly scarce, and when the Empress of Canada sailed on New Year's Day she carried practically a full complement of passengers. The next opportunity for Hongkong residents to travel south will not occur until January 23, when the N. Y. K. Australian line steamer Kitano Maru leaves here on her way to Sydney, the next ship after her being the Potsdam on January 28. During the intervening three weeks there will be only a couple of freighters able to carry three or four passengers each, not sufficient to cater for nearly 100 passengers who are arriving here on the Taiyo Maru. The Haitan will make the trip, therefore, to transport passengers and any others who wish to book by this ship.

Berths Available. There will be a few first class berths available, no second, but any number of third class berths, on the trip south to Manila, and first second and class berths available on the return voyage. The Haitan will leave Hongkong at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, the day following the arrival of the Taiyo. She will arrive in Manila on Monday January 11, about noon. The return voyage will commence on the 12th. The trip will last for 43 hours, the average time for liners between here and Manila. The Haitan will not be new to all the passengers from America, for no doubt some of them will have travelled on the vessel when she was on the Nova Scotia-Bermuda run.

The fact that the N. Y. K. trans-Pacific liners make Hongkong their terminus has already caused a good deal of inconvenience and the lack of berths has been felt keenly by through passengers. The Taiyo Maru is carrying a particularly large number of through passengers, and her arrival here coincides with the particularly long stop in sailings for Manila. The local office of the N. Y. K. decided to provide the additional service for their passengers, especially as there are probably many people in the Colony who will be glad of the opportunity to book a passage in the Haitan for a quick trip to Manila.

Congress Troubles. The position with regard to the Legislative Congress, which is to commence in Manila on February 2, is becoming serious, for the shortage of berths is acute. Unless the American ships sail from the Pacific Coast by January 15, they will not arrive in Manila in time, unless, of course, they alter their schedule and sail for the Philippines direct.

The absence of these American vessels will mean that many hundreds who had planned to be present at the Congress will be disappointed, for all the berths on other ships going to Manila at this time are already booked.

During the week-end the N.Y.K. Line announced that their Head Office has decided to reserve 100 berths on the Tatsuata to Manila and return. The Tatsuata Maru is one of the specially chartered liners which is approved by the Congress Committee, and will lie at Manila as a floating hotel during the celebrations. She leaves here on January 31, and will arrive in Manila on the afternoon of February 1. She leaves for Hongkong on the morning of February 8, and arrives here in the afternoon of February 9, sailing for San Francisco on schedule at 10 a.m. on February 10.

he had tried to arrest an unlicensed hawkker, defendant had come from behind and pushed him following this with a blow on his face. The Chinese came up and joined in the assault, forcing the constable to the ground. Another constable then came up and together the policemen arrested defendant and took him to Shamshupo Police Station, followed by a noisy crowd.

Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods asked that the fact that defendant had already lost \$50 be ignored and for imprisonment without the option of a fine. He declared that there was a lot of this going on in Shamshupo and it was seldom a lone policeman could bring in a man. Some time ago, when he had arrested a hawkker, another had pulled a knife, trying to make him let his prisoner go. If a European police officer was treated in this way, it was evident that the Chinese police were having a hard time.

## CINEMA NOTES

Hervey Allen's monumental literary classic, "Anthony Adverse," brings to the screen with all its wealth of colour and dramatic fire. The film is now at the King's Theatre. Fredric March has the stellar role, with beautiful and talented Olivia de Havilland playing the leading feminine role. In order to give this sweeping panoramic story the magnificence and magnitude it merited, Warner Bros., the producers, are said to have spared no other time, nor effort, nor cost. In fact more than two years were spent in preparing the script, in research work to make perfect the atmospheric settings, and in the actual filming of the many and intricate scenes. There never has been a cost to approach this one in size, and few that will equal it in talent. There are ninety-eight principals with speaking parts, 2,550 bit players and extras, and nearly 3,000 artisans and technicians worked behind the cameras to make the picture letter perfect. More than 1,000 scenes were "shot" for the production on 131 mammoth sets. Sten Duna has the part of the half-white, half-African sweetheart of Anthony, and the part of the Dark Continent. The role of Anthony's grandfather, a rich Scottish merchant doing business in Leghorn, Italy, is portrayed by the noted English actor, Edmund Gwenn. Anthony's mother, married under pressure of her father to a Spanish nobleman, and who dies at her son's birth, is portrayed by Anita Louise. Claude Rains plays the role of the grandee of Spain who plays his wife's lover in duet. The latter part is enacted by Louis Hayward. Billy Mauch plays the part of Anthony when he is a boy of ten. Mervyn Leroy directed the picture from the screen play by Sheridan Gibney.

#### "My Man Godfrey"

Write down all the words that mean funny, capricious, deliciously mean and exuberantly loony. Add them all together and you have a description of Universal's "My Man Godfrey," which is showing to-day at the Queen's, Alhambra and Star Theatres simultaneously. This outstanding contribution to the new motion picture is humour gone on a spree, with the gear shift in high. William Powell and Carole Lombard, in starring roles together for the first time in three years, rise to new heights as experts in the high society game called Scoundrel Hunting. She comes back with the "fortified man," in the person of William Powell. She falls for his overpowering masculine charm and employs him as the butler. The grandest scene in the picture is the ball room set, when Carole Lombard walks in with William Powell and wins the prize. There are many kid-busting after marriage bells; the lights shine bright on fair women and fuzzy-eyed men. The battle of Waterloo was a quiet duet compared to this society party. The diamond-encrusted cane supporting includes Alice Brady, Gail Patrick, Joan Dixon, Eugene Pallette, Alan Mowbray, Robert Light and Franklin Pangborn. The feminine eye will be delighted with the gowns worn by Carole Lombard in the picture score about 24 hits for her designer.

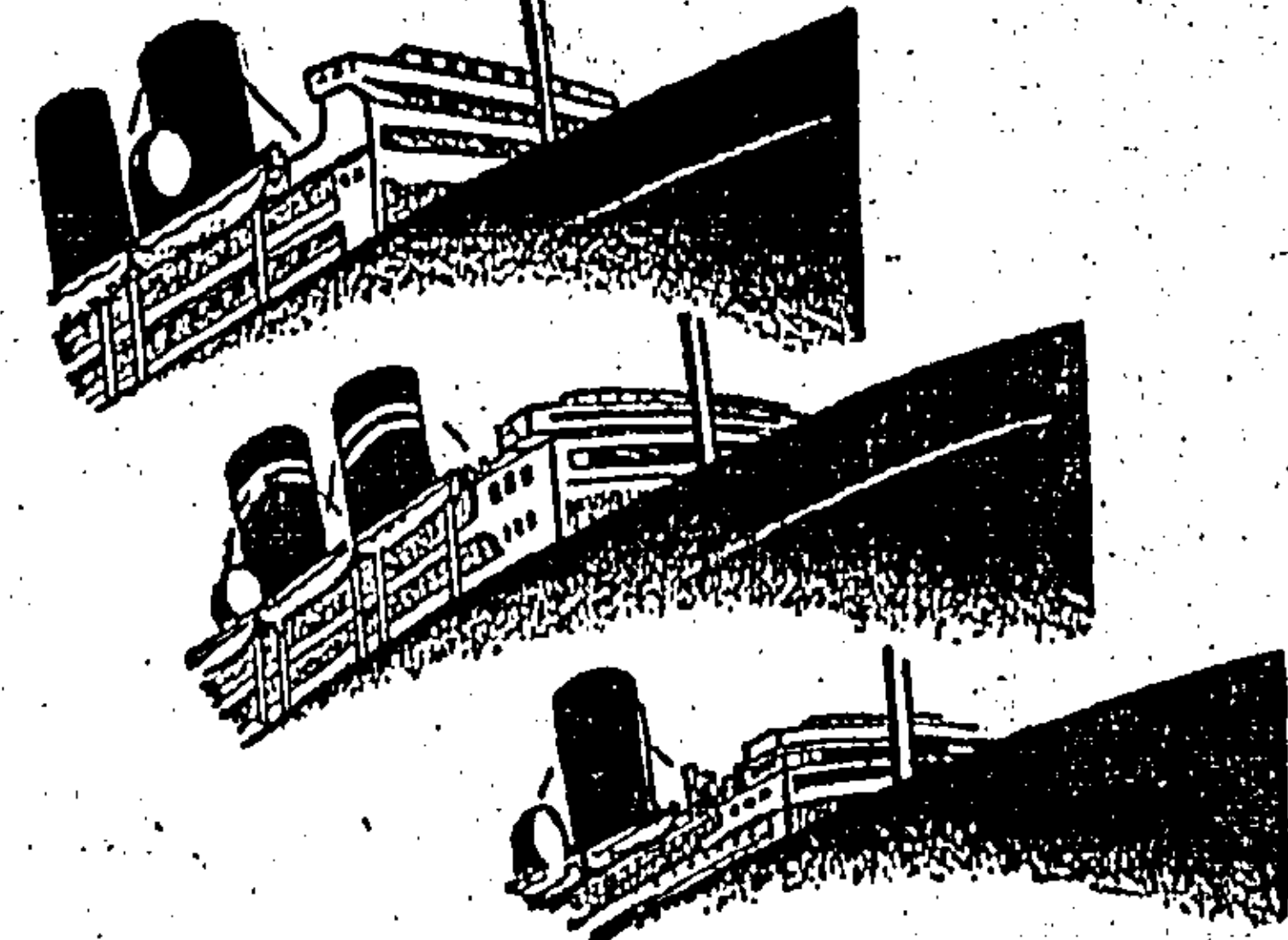
#### "Rio Rita" At the Oriental

Florenz Ziegfeld's fabulous operetta "Rio Rita" which created a sensation a few years ago for its wonderful settings, song hits and delightful music, will be screened at the Oriental to-morrow, for one day only. With John Boles and Bebe Daniels heading the quartet of players, and specially performers, "Rio Rita" takes its place among the great screen plays of all time. In its wealth of diversified entertainment it has doubtless never been equaled. Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey play their original part created for the stage. Dorothy Lee, the "Syncope girl," Helen Kaiser, one of Ziegfeld's "glorified" girls; Georges Renavent, French stage star, and Don Alvarado are others of the featured cast. Much of the film was photographed in technicolor and the sets and costumes outdone anything screened on the talking screen. Harry Tierney, composer of the original tuneful score of "Rio Rita," added two song hits to the picture. Cimint's grand opera chorus of 50 voices; the Pearl Eaton chorus of 100 Hollywood beauties; the first stock chorus in motion pictures, and a symphonic orchestra directed by Ethel Reed.

#### "His Brother's Wife"

"His Brother's Wife" is the title of the darling picture which came to the Majestic Theatre yesterday with the attractive co-starring team of Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Taylor. The play of human emotions under tremendous strain has seldom been more powerfully drawn on the screen. A capacity audience attested to the power of the theme and the artistry of the players, nor did it overlook the remarkably brilliant work of the director, W. S. Van Dyke. The picture is presented in a completely new structure of the story. Miss Stanwyck performs what many critics consider to be the finest role of her career. Jean Harlow, as the hardened explorer, is superb, and Taylor, without question, again demonstrates his remarkable talent as an actor. A capable cast gives excellent support.

The promotion of Capt. J. D. Milne, Royal Scots, to Major is notified. Major Milne is Staff Captain at the Headquarters of the China Command and is leaving in a few months to become G.S.O.3 in Ceylon. He is a keen tennis player and has taken part in many tennis tournaments during his stay here.



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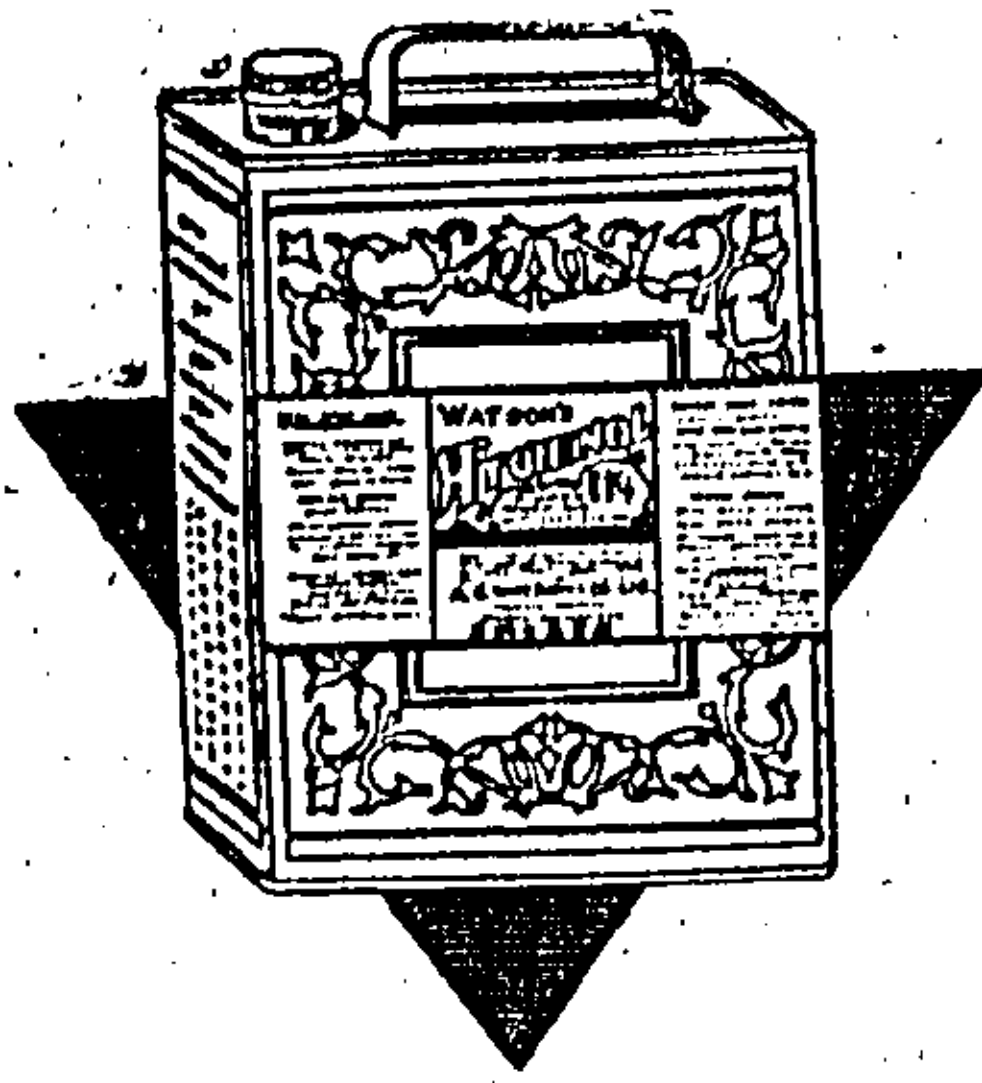
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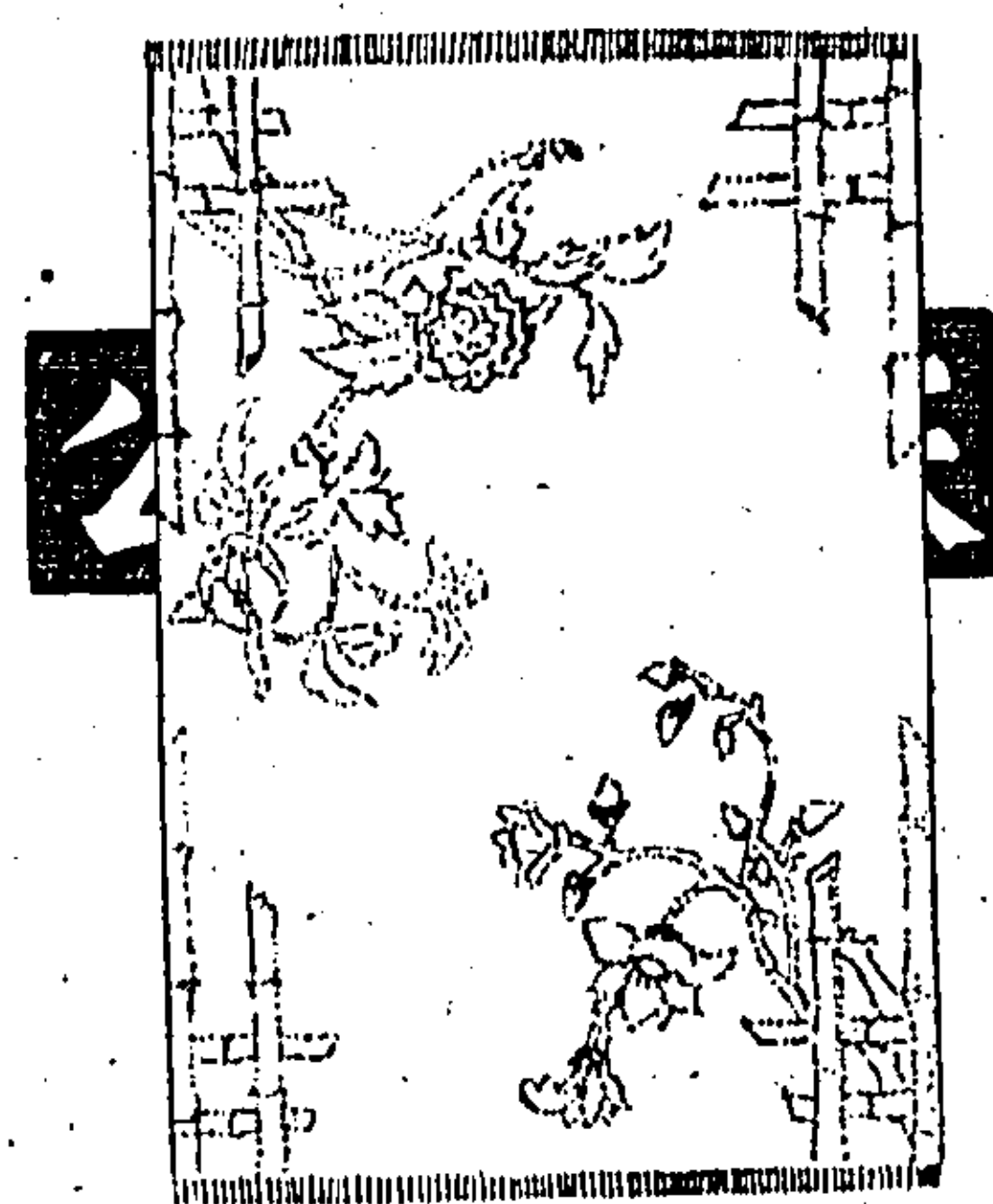
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EASTERN EUROPE  
DANGERS

The civil war in Spain, with all its possible repercussions, has so concentrated attention on Western Europe that the situation in Eastern Europe has latterly escaped widespread notice. In particular, the full implications of the understandings concluded with Russia by France on the one hand and Czechoslovakia on the other have not been generally recognised. The latter pact, which is said to be directed against Germany and Hungary alike, has been described by a British commentator as the plague-carrier of European politics. Of itself, the Franco-Russian understanding could not have worked, since the frontiers of Germany and Russia would have remained widely divided by intervening countries. All this has been changed by the agreement reached between the Soviet and Czechoslovakia, which, it is pointed out, will enable Russian air-power to be carried into Germany's vitals. What is Britain's attitude to these developments? According to Mr. J. L. Garvin, one of the most balanced writers of the day, our duty is to keep out of the whole of this business, and, as far as in us lies, not to allow it to become the cause of war in Western Europe. "Nothing on earth," says Mr. Garvin, "will induce the British people to mobilise against Germany in that cause. Our plain and sane policy in this world about us is one of maximum of armaments and minimum of commitments. We should shun every entanglement in Eastern Europe." The opinion is further expressed that if we refuse to mix the two problems, there will be lasting peace in Western Europe, but not otherwise. There can be little doubt that British feeling in general is distinctly in favour of improving our relations with Germany, rather than to do anything which would create fresh friction between the two nations. Our political ideologies may be totally at variance one with another, but that is no reason why we should not be able to work together for the preservation of peace. To use the words of Mr. Garvin, "another Anglo-German war from any cause would be a dark catastrophe; an unnecessary Anglo-German war, made by Britain for the sake of the Soviet Pact and Eastern Europe, would be a blunder and a crime past example." These words represent sober British opinion, and there is no reason for thinking that they do not also reflect the policy of the British Government.

# Has your wife got too much time on her hands?

**B**ECAUSE his loneliness is unbearable, 25-year-old Sidney Allcorn writes to the King to release his wife. Sentenced to death in July for the murder of her child, she was reprieved 23 hours later.

"All my life I had been lonely till we married," he says. "From the age of four to thirteen I was in an orphanage. Since then I have had only one real pal—Helen."

This is a rare and extreme case. For every man victim of the disease of loneliness there are 60 women.

Not only aged spinsters and girls "living on their own" suffer from it. They are by no means the largest class of sufferers.

The largest class are the wives, and this illness is beyond the range of doctors, but not, perhaps, of the sociologists, the men who are concerned with changes.

Loneliness provides a fine theme for sentimental writers for women; it is time to approach it scientifically.

To begin with, it is impossible to say under our divorce laws how many divorces are the result of boredom, which the American cause for divorce "incompatibility of temperament," so adequately covers.

The sociologists believe, and every man who lives in a small flat knows, that the work of running a small flat by no means absorbs the energies of the average healthy woman.

No social expert has yet investigated what this means in terms of mental stress. We know, of course, that the change from the seven-roomed house to the three-roomed flat is, in part,

responsible for the declining birthrate.

SO, coupled with the fact that the woman in the flat has not enough work to occupy her time is the other fact leading to mental dissatisfaction—the childless marriage.

Thus, in a vast number of cases, women are faced with a period of leisure for which nothing in our social system has prepared them.

They do not know how to use it, nor can they be blamed for not knowing. How often does the retired man know what to do with himself?

The majority of wives between 20 and 30 come from homes where they were one of perhaps three or four or more children. They saw their mothers occupied in rearing a family with little time for morbid introspection, which is the result of loneliness. As they grew older, they helped in the business of running the family, or went out to work eight or nine hours a day.

AFTER marriage they find they have twelve hours a day to do necessary work needing, at most, three or four hours in a small flat.

Soon the novelty of marriage wears off, and the unaccustomed leisure becomes a drag. They really don't know what to do with themselves.

Those with whom money does not count find escape in lunching out, going to the cinema, joining one of the big libraries and reading themselves into a state of stupefaction. To the second and third-rate fictioneers they are a blessing.

BUT most of the victims of loneliness—and they provide divorce lawyers with a great proportion of their business—come from the middle classes.

The women of this class have, as a rule, enough money to keep them in moderate comfort. What little work is necessary at home can be done by one servant. Significantly this class also leads the field in the declining birthrate statistics.

They have few cares and no duties. They are easy targets for the germ of loneliness, because they are alone more hours than any class of society. Their husbands work longer hours than any other type of worker.

The suburban "at homes" and "bridge afternoons" did something to alleviate their loneliness. They were pathetic attempts at companionship, but the narrowness of their circle frequently failed them. How often do the newspapers report inexplicable suicides in this class?

WHAT makes this increasingly perilous is that this is the very class which is moving in large numbers into the big blocks of flats, not only in London, but in provincial cities.

In this type of flat there is no social life at all. Their occupants feel honour-bound not to know their neighbours.

Where privacy might be difficult, their guarding of it makes companionship and new friendships impossible.

It is well known that solitude, that is loneliness, breaks the spirit of the most rebellious prisoner. Can the psychologists estimate the effects of this peculiarly English disease on not only highly strung but also on normal healthy women?

IT is a disease peculiar to England. You do not find it in Scotland or in Wales or in France or in Germany.

The reticence and reserve which makes an English railway carriage like a school for the dumb does not exist in other countries.

In Wales and Scotland there is no sense of intrusion when one speaks to a stranger. Welsh people regard it as one of the oddities of London that a man does not know his neighbour. They talk of it as English people might talk of the strange custom of some tribe lost in the wilds of Africa.

The Welsh avoid loneliness, though not consciously, by going to chapel not only on Sundays, but several times a week, joining dramatic societies, social guilds, and singing parties.

Continental women in the afternoon meet their friends in cafes, and talk for hours over a peach soaked in a glass of champagne.

THE plain fact is that the English quality of reserve has ceased to be merely a quality that foreigners observed. It has become, under changing social conditions, a menace, that undermines Englishwomen's lives.

Maybe the problem will be solved not by the professors, but by the builders of the homes of the future.

Already some builders of modern flats incorporate in them swimming pools, squash and tennis courts. They do so not for any sociological reason, but to make them more attractive.

When, instead of dozens of such blocks, there are thousands, the disease of loneliness may disappear by people, especially women, getting to know each other by playing together.

Until that happens you will still read, as I did not long ago, of a husband who said at the inquest on his wife, "I was away all day, and the loneliness got on her nerves."

The English are funny that way; they would rather die than risk a snub. So they won't talk.

Emrys Jones

## A VITAL MOVEMENT

THIS morning I received a letter from one of the leading figures of the Oxford Group movement. It was brimful of vitality and confidence in describing interviews the Groupers had arranged with political leaders in America and Holland.

This vitality is, in fact, one of the most striking features of everything associated with the movement. It is one of the explanations of its extraordinary success in the last few years.

Founded in 1921 by Dr. Frank Buchman, a former Lutheran pastor in the United States, the Group is an association of Christians who bind themselves to live their lives according to the standards laid down in the New Testament. There are no rules or membership cards—people are either "in" or "out." Groupers are said to be "changed lives," and the leaders believe that if sufficient key people in each country can be "changed," the whole course of history can be altered, and the present international discords wiped out by mutual understanding.

The severest critics of the Group do not deny the truth of the "changed lives."

When a "fast set" underwent amazing transformations after being brought into contact with Groupers. Some of them had to stand a great deal of ridicule from former associates, but they stuck to their guns, and made fresh converts of their own.

**Quiet Times**

As perfect honesty is prescribed for Groupers, "quiet times" which are held at all private gatherings of members. A "Quiet Time" is the name given to a short period of silence, during which those taking part in a meeting sit with pencil and paper before them, ready to jot down any "guidance" for future actions which comes to them.

After the leader has said a short prayer, these thoughts are "shared"—each individual reading out what has been written. There is an extraordinary friendliness about these meetings, and the shyest individuals are soon made to feel at home.

The Group leaders are strangely assorted. Dr. Buchman himself looks like a successful business man, with his quiet, neat clothes, inclusive voice, and alert eyes, which are continually searching the faces of those around him. When I last saw him he was dressing for a Royal garden party, arranging the details of the next

### Oxford Groupers' "Changed Lives"

day's programme, and smoothing out problems brought to him by his assistants, all of one and the same time. He is never ruffled, and has a strong objection to anything in the nature of hysteria at private or public meetings.

There is nothing of the typical evangelist about him, and his mind is essentially practical and realistic. Among his chief lieutenants are ex-officers, Oxford and Cambridge graduates, an ex-Fleet Street editor, a former Communist orator from East End, and a young novelist.

**All Classes**

Group converts have told me how much better they felt after standing

up at one of the meetings and confessing their failures in the past, and their new resolve to maintain the Group standards.

Many people are introduced to the movement at what are called "house parties." These parties consist of a series of meetings held in one town, attended by members and their friends, who are introduced to "quiet times." The house parties have so far been very successful, and a noteworthy feature is their excellent organisation. Usually several big hotels are booked in towns where house parties are held, but in University towns it has become the practice to hire some of the colleges.

At the last house party I attended there was an extraordinary assortment of classes and professions. Anglican bishops rubbed shoulders with Trade Union leaders, Communist orators, politicians, jour-

## PLAYING THE GAME

PROFICIENCY in sport appears to be the open sesame to success in business, especially in banking, insurance, and large commercial houses.

Time after time the junior who is a good golfer or Rugby player is selected for advancement before those of his colleagues who, equally clever at their work, prefer a hobby that does not bring them before the crowd.

Not only does the "sporty" worker benefit in advancement. Innumerable halfdays and odd hours of his time, while those left in the office or shop have to overtake his work.

It is fair that the man who prefers a hobby such as stamping, fishing, or bowls, should suffer financial loss, in social prestige, in time off duty, and advancement in his work, because he does not enjoy the sports that are popular with his superiors? He is no "rabbit"; his particular form of recreation or sport is perhaps just as strenuous as, or more so than, that of the socially-important ones, and, in addition, he is probably more of a sportsman, in that he is wholly disinterested as regards the rewards of his hobby. He seeks pleasure, a change from work, and the game for its own sake.

The boss, of course, supports his interest on the score of esprit de

corps; the keeping up of the clan spirit in his business or office, in order that his workers will consider their firm the best, and foster its interests because they are of one brotherhood in "playing the game." In practice it is not. Those who are specially favoured soon come to look upon their privileges as rights, and further, being favoured and applauded for their prowess in sport, soon forget that they receive their weekly wages for doing a certain job of work. Their work is often scamped, but a blind eye is turned to this falling because of their abilities on the field.

On the other hand, the man who pursues his own private hobby soon becomes disgruntled. In doing his job to the best of his ability and for the good of the firm he receives no encouragement; plainly he is shown that he is not popular because he goes his own way outside business hours, and so his work, too, is bound to suffer.

By all means let us play the game in the proper sense of the expression. Do not let it interfere with business. The popularity of sport increases daily, but he is strong enough to keep it in its place, and that is, both in practice and effect, outside business hours.

ists, industrialists, officers of the three fighting Services, and unemployed men from the special areas. There was no attempt to grade or sectionalise different interests, and in practice there were no difficulties, this strange medley of people living together in perfect harmony.

In recent years the groups have spread all over the world, and there are strong sections in Canada, Switzerland, the United States, and Germany. The recent drive through the Scandinavian countries was voted a success, and certainly aroused enormous interest. The Group numbers in its ranks to-day leaders of public life in a dozen important countries. There is hardly an important town in Europe where there is not at least one group of people meeting daily for a "quiet time" together. I have met groupers in most unexpected places. On my last visit to Berlin I called on a Groupier who is a member of Hitler's personal bodyguard.

Can the Oxford Group really "change lives"? The answer is to be found in seeing its members, many of whom were jaded and unhappy people a few years ago, and are to-day brimful of energy, with that self-confidence that comes from a full and enjoyable life.

**Friendly Atmosphere**

There are many prominent figures both inside and outside the Church who have severely condemned the Oxford Group for its lack of "dignity," and its use of the most modern advertising devices, but on meeting these people one misses the friendliness that emanates from the "life-changers."

Psychologists have explained the success of the Group with words of discretion on repression and inferiority complexes, but neither they nor any of the other critics offer a practical cure for individual misery and unsatisfied longing, which is just what the Groupers do.

The sins described by converts of the Group principles at the meetings are much less than outsiders often imagine. Petty acts of dishonesty, such as not paying the income tax, a large sum of money, which had over a period of years been a rare case.

For the vast majority are not secret law-breakers. Their principal concern is with great personal answers.

V. D.



# GANGSTER RUNS CITY, SLAYS RIVAL IN LOVE FEUD



Spanish governmental militia-men on the front of Madrid still retain their rifles while they are being shaved.

## BEER IS BETTER THAN MILK!

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Vienna, Dec. 31.

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As beer further has a calming effect, it is the ideal "nightcap," according to the brewers' theory.

It is extremely easy to digest and is, therefore, an excellent food for persons, recovering from an illness.

The brewers, however, readily admit in their eulogy of Gambrinus that excessive beer drinking is harmful.

But would not excesses in the consumption of other foods, for instance of milk, also have fairly unpleasant consequences?

## Officer In The Tower

May Come To Australia

London, Dec. 17. "I see no reason why a young man, just because he has one or two things rather foolish, should be forced to go through life with the stigma of 'spy' attached to his name."

That is why Mr. John McGovern, M.P., will soon hold a private inquiry which he hopes will result in the complete vindication of Mr. Norman Baillie-Stewart (the officer in the Tower) when Mr. Stewart comes out of prison next January. It has been persistently reported that he will go to Australia.

Mr. Baillie-Stewart, formerly a Lieutenant in the Seaforth Highlanders, was found guilty in April, 1933, of charges under the Official Secrets Act. He was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

"His mother expects that he will be released in three months' time," Mr. McGovern said.

"I have arranged that he will then make a complete statement, incorporating facts which were not published during his trial, which was mainly heard in camera."

"With this, and other collected evidence to go on, several influential men in Army and civil life will foot the bill for a court of inquiry, that will be independent of the War Office. "Too much of the trial, in my opinion, was held in camera. It should have been a civil court inquiry, anyway. His confession, for instance, bore no relation whatsoever to the grounds on which he was convicted."

## Plague Of Mice

New Zealand District Suffers

Nelson, N.Z., Dec. 30. Mice are running over by the millions in this district, which is so heavy that they can be seen running about while any article picked up is lost all interest, having been lost to a lifetime. There have been a few mice, but usually last about one or two days, and then they go.

## Black Flag Terror

O. D. Gallagher, London reporter, newly returned from Spain, here tells the inside story of Barcelona—where the black flag of anarchy flies over a once gay city and a million people live in daily fear of death.

### FIFTY - YEAR - OLD

Andres Revertes was chief of Public Order in Barcelona until a few days ago. He had power of life and death over the city's million people. He rode through the streets in a big, new car.

To-day he sits alone in a cell in the prison fortress on Montjuich—Mount of Jews—overlooking the city. One day this week militiamen will take him out and hand him over to one of the People's Courts. Accusations of abusing his power will be shouted at him before workmen judges and a mixed jury.

He has been accused of white-slaving, of having ordered the murder of his step-mother and several friends, of having "put out of the way" an official who married the woman he wanted.

Revertes will be escorted back to the Mount of Jews for the last time after the trial. Knowing so well the workings of these courts—where the judges cry "What sentence, comrades?" and the people roar "Death!"—Revertes can have no hope.

### Anti-Government

But the true reason that led to Revertes's trial was his implication in a plot to overthrow the Anarchist government that terrorises Barcelona. People had begun to ask why various officials of the Catalan State Party—which stands for the independence of Catalonia—were disappearing and anarchists taking their places. The Anarchist Press then told the public that reorganisation was taking place, all for the good of the republic.

One of the leaders of the Separatist Party, Casanovas, escaped to France. Revertes was arrested.

I have been told that had the plot succeeded it might have led to Catalonia negotiating for a separate peace with France. The plot was inspired by fierce resentment against Anarchist rule and by a desire to save Catalonia from becoming part of the field of war.

Not death from threatened insurgent bombardment, but death from unknown assassins, who work at night, is the fear that stalks the city to-day. The poor, the once rich and even Catalan Government officers go to their beds not knowing if they will ever awake.

### 'Soldiers Eat First'

Added to this is a serious food shortage. All suffer except Government officers and their friends. Rifles were fired recently when housewives raised a violent outcry at one of the daily markets. The soldiers must have food they were told. Thirty tons of provisions are sent to Madrid every day from Catalonia.

Newspapers publish brief accounts of deportations of suspected foreigners. They publish even briefer announcements of executions. Just the names of the dozen or so men who pass rapidly before the People's Tribunal to be sentenced by workmen judges.

The public hears nothing of the scores of men stricken down in the night, or carried away under cover of darkness to the Mount of Jews. Ruling committees come and go with disconcerting rapidity, and while they hold office they use their power to wreak vengeance.

Meanwhile refugees fill every road from Madrid. Barcelona, it is estimated, is a temporary haven for 200,000 old men, women, and children.

### Hidden Machine

In all this chaos is an organisation of amazing efficiency. It is operated mainly by secret agents and police, and it controls passports for those wishing to leave Spain. Spaniards cannot leave.

When the slightest suspicion attaches to any one leaving he is subjected to the most thorough examination. Men and women have to strip while their clothing is searched. No one may export more than 500 pesetas in bank notes and four in silver.



A model of the Coronation procession of King George VI, with three thousand figures, has been constructed by Mr. H. Edward Offord. With Westminster Abbey as a background, the procession is seen being televised.

## BRIDE CANCELS WEDDING

Lady Cecilia Wellesley  
Changes Her Mind:  
Flies to Paris

A few hours before the marriage was to have taken place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, recently, Lady Cecilia Wellesley, 19-year-old daughter of Clare Countess Cowley and of the late Earl Cowley, travelled to Paris by air with her mother. They arrived at 12.45.

She had decided at the last moment to cancel the wedding.

The bridegroom was to have been Mr. John Claude Smiley, of Larne, Co. Antrim, second son of Valerie Lady Smiley, of Westworth, Surrey, and of the late Sir John Smiley, brother of the present Baronet.

Mr. Smiley is a nephew of Major Peter Kerr Kerr-Smiley, M.P. for North Antrim from 1905 to 1922, who married in 1905 Maud, daughter of Mr. Ernest L. Simpson, of New York, Mr. Ernest Simpson's father.

At the home of Sir Hugh it was told: "There is nothing to be said except that the wedding is cancelled and is definitely off. The marriage was broken off at the last moment because Lady Cecilia changed her mind."

The fact that Lady Cecilia and her mother had left for Paris was stated at the home of Colonel Arthur McGrath—husband of Mrs. Rosita Forbes, the traveller and author—where they had been staying.

LEFT FOR THE COUNTRY  
At Mr. John Smiley's flat in The Albany, London, a reporter was told: "Mr. Smiley has left for the country. We do not know where he has gone."

The cancellation announcement was so sudden that many guests from the West of England travelled to London and reached St. Margaret's, where they were informed that the wedding would not take place.

A large crowd, including many fashionably-dressed guests, had also gathered at the church and were informed of the cancellation state of affairs by a policeman.

A line of cars stretched a considerable distance from the church. Telegrams were sent to the bridesmaids informing them of the cancellation.

Flowers for decorating the church had already been placed in position and the evening was being erected when the best man arrived at the church to cancel the ceremony.

At Sengry, Chippenham, residence of Clare Countess Cowley, many of the staff waited for motor-coaches which, it had been arranged, should convey them to London.

## New Zealander's Last Wish

Ashes Cast from Aeroplane

Whangarei, N.Z., Dec. 30. As was only fitting for the man who had made the first aeroplane journey over the North Auckland peninsula, and in accordance with his own wish, the ashes of Col. Allen Bell were taken by air to Cape Te Reinga and there cast from the plane into the sea. Col. Bell's keen interest in the Maori led to this wish. Cape Te Reinga, the northernmost point of New Zealand, in Maori lore, is the spot whence the spirits of the departed leave the land of their birth for the legendary Hawaiki, land of the origin of their race.

was taken to a room, and shortly afterwards his death was announced.

Five minutes later he collapsed and

MAN FORETELLS HIS DEATH—AND DIES

COLLAPSE AFTER SPEECH

"I know I have not very long before me. Eternity is very near." Dr. James F. Long, medical missionary worker, of Bath, uttered these words at a minister's induction service at Limpley Stoke, near Trowbridge, and sat down.

## CORONATION MINIATURE PROCESSION



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2.15 p.m. Close Down.

5 p.m. Dance Music from the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.

6.30 p.m. Concert Waltzes.

Wolgan, Wolgan (Russian Waltz Potpourri); (Walter Noack); Hydropathen Waltz (Jos. Gungl);

Greetings of Spring (Schwartz); The Broken String; The Swallow Waltz.

6.45 p.m. Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci (soprano) and Sturt Robertson, (bass-baritone).

Soprano—Serenata (Tosti); Carceleros (Prison Song), (Chapin);

Tenor Solos—When, dull carp (Luna Wilson); When lights go rolling (Ireland); Soprano Solo—Chanson Indoue (Song of India), (Rimsky-Korsakov); Tenor Solos—(a) The Mermaid; (b) Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W. H. M.); (c) Little Brown Jug; (d) The Three Crows (Eastburn).

7.08 p.m. Columbia Meister Orchestra.

Italian Folk Songs—Medley, (de Michel); Blauer Pavillon (Armando); Trauende Glocken (Krome).

7.20 p.m. Three Light Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.

1. Spanish Serenade; 2. The Child and his dancing doll (Jonny Heykens); 3. Daybreak (Reginald King).

7.30 p.m. Closing local stock quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market report.

7.35 p.m. Memories of Billy Mayerl and Jan Kiepura.

Tenor Solos—La Danza (Rossini, arr. Schlesinger); Heute nacht oder nie; Piano Solo—Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories; Tenor Solo—You, me and love; Piano Solo—Billy Mayerl's own selection "Tenor Solo—I mean to say I love you."

8 p.m. Time Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. A Relay from the Po Hing Theatre (Chinese).

11 p.m. Close Down.

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Speak to me of love (Loriot); Poem (Flinck); Serenade Passione (Silesu); Fantome (Dandier);

8.30 p.m. The Fountain of Arethusa (Szymanowsky), Op. 30, by Joseph Szigeti (Violin).

8.38 p.m. A Recital by Eva Turner (soprano).

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9.30 p.m. Variety.

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# Ulster Rifles Take Over The Leadership While Champions Continue To Fall Away

## ATHLETIC SET A HOT PACE, THEN FALL AWAY BADLY Rifles Masterly In Defence

(By "Veritas")

Athletic (McConigal, own goal) 1 Ulster Rifles (Moore, Miller) 2

ROYAL Ulster Rifles resume leadership of the first division as a result of yesterday's victory over the Athletic at Caroline Hill, but they have still got to make a lot of improvement before their supporters can subscribe confidently to the belief that they will win the championship.

They survived a worrying time in the first half, but emerging through the ordeal successfully put confidence into them and they were very much on top during the closing stages of a game which seldom rose above mediocrity, either in performance or as an entertainment.

There were some noticeable weaknesses in the Rifles' outfit. One was Killen on the left wing; another Moore at inside right; and a third Miller at left half (though his performance was an exception and not the rule). Ferguson didn't get a chance. That's not strictly true. Just two minutes before the end he was able to snap up one of his favourite passes and straight through he went to miss the upright by inches with the goalkeeper well beaten.

### OWED MUCH TO DEFENCE

What the Rifles owed to their defence and to Campbell is probably only the players themselves can fully appreciate. Campbell performed prodigious feats of ground coverage, interceptions, and ball distribution. The latter feature was not always of the best. Once again I noticed that inexperience with the ball (not turned; the mathematics of the game will tell you that nine times out of ten the ball will be lifted off the ground. It's not the best way to hand our passes to expectant forwards. But one could still admire Campbell's tenacity of purpose. On a heavy ground I could imagine Campbell as a second Poldore.

Another half back to catch the eye was McConigal. He was up against what is undoubtedly one of the nicest, surest kicking left wingers in the Colony. Interceptor selectors might take note of Cheong Moon-wing. At least he is worth shuffling up. Cheong, when he could get clear to the attention of McConigal, was the chief threat to the Rifles' goal. This was especially so in the first half, during which period McConigal was gradually sizing him up and making himself familiar with Cheong's little tricks.

As for Pickering and Stevens, they were magnificent, playing together in such harmony that only once were they taken unawares. The result was a goal. Pickering was particularly to the forefront with his dashing tackle, and his useful distribution of the ball after working it out of the danger zone.

While the Rifles have these two backs and Campbell at centre-half, they will never concede many goals.

### SLAP-DASH FORWARDS

The team as a whole played with the spirit of a slapping match. There was a touch of the slap-dash about the forward line which against a more determined defence would never have the rewards they did yesterday. The Rifles are to retain the leadership there will have to be more thoughtful operation by the attack. Banging the ball ahead and racing after it is okay as tactics, given certain conditions and against certain opposition, but when these methods degenerate into common and garden ballooning of the ball with the inside forwards given practically no chance of getting the ball under control without loss of valuable time, then it is necessary to supplant such tactics with more scientific touches.

For 20 minutes in this match the Athletic played that type of football best known to the Chinese and which always stamps them as knowledgeable and studious players. Diagonal passes straight to the player were dispatched to a minute to the right or left flank in alternating succession, so that the opposition never really knew what to expect. The result was eventually a goal. The Rifles deserved, through a trifling fortunate in its performance.

### THEY LOST THEIR FIRE

Yet once the Rifles had equalised, all the fire seemed to die out of the Chinese game. The attack, previously so scintillating, became a one or two-man show, and where before they shot for goal first time and on the second time they hesitated, turned back, out-manoeuvred themselves for favourable positions, and if eventually they did make a shot, were yards off the target.

This transformation had its effect on the rear lines, where Lo Wai-man and Wong Sik-ping, though kicking lustily, did not cover each other particularly well, and were prone to crowd each other. A third contribution to the sad decline of a very promising team was the inability of the wing halves to keep the opposing forwards in check. Lo Wai-kuen didn't seem to be able to interpret Irwin's next move, though the Rifles' right winger played fairly straight-forward football and always went in the same direction so that he could centre with his right foot.

But though the Chinese half backs were not all to be desired in their defensive measures, these were definitely superior to their offensive efforts. They kicked high and wildly after those first encouraging 20 minutes, and their contribution to a cohesive and penetrating attack was virtually nil.

Man Sang-Id and Ng Tak-wing were the best of the intermediates, and certainly worked hard, though not with any great enterprise. Cheong Moon-wing was the outstanding forward when given a chance. Tung Kwan-sun on the other wing.

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### Clubhouse Chatter

## TAKING A FIRST GLANCE AT THE INTERPORT PROSPECTS

### Rules Will Be Strictly Enforced: What Of Lee Wai-Tong?

GRADUALLY, but perceptibly, interest in the forthcoming football Interport between Hongkong and Shanghai imposing itself upon followers of the game in the various clubhouses of the Colony. This interest was amplified by the announcement last week of the provisional programme for next February, and the formation of the various sub-committees to deal with the hundred and one details which are part and parcel of this important sporting festival. That J. McKelvie, C. G. Warren and Dr. Wong To have been chosen to nominate the Colony trial teams and finally the side to represent Hongkong, is excellent news. Firstly because each is representative of very important sections of football in Hongkong—Mr. McKelvie the civilian clubs and Dr. Wong the Chinese, and secondly because each possesses vast knowledge of our players as well as the game in general. They may rest assured they enjoy the confidence of all Hongkong followers of football, and can look forward to

all support necessary in their important task.

### No Canton Residents To Play For Colony

ONE of the first things I made enquiries about the other day was whether the selection committee would strictly observe the rules of the Interport competition which forbids Canton residents from participating, or whether they would wink at the rule and stretch its interpretation to permit players such as Fung King-cheung, Li Tin-sang, Tam Kong-pak and Ip Pak-wa to appear in the Colony team. To me it came as a distinct relief to hear that the committee will apply the rules of the competition in their strictest form. In other words, Fung, Tam, Li and Ip, among others, are definitely barred from inclusion in the team. This decision at least puts us on all fours with Shanghai, though it means that at least two players who would normally walk into the Colony eleven cannot play. I refer to Li Tin-sang and Fung King-cheung. Li still remains incomparably the best right back in Colony football, and Fung King-cheung has only one equal as a centre-forward—he is Lee Wai-tong. But I think footballers generally will heartily endorse the committee's decision to follow out the rules of the competition, and though we all very much regret the exclusion of Fung and Li, one and all, I am confident, will feel that the committee has done the right thing.

### Beltrao And Gosano Indispensable

THOUGH advertised and played as a charity match, there was a secondary motive behind the New Year's Day match between South China A.A. and the Rest of the Colony. It was an unofficial Interport trial, and I believe members of the selection committee derived a lot of satisfactory information from it. If the lessons of the game are to mean anything I should imagine two of the most important are that A. V. Gosano and N. Beltrao are indispensable to the Hongkong Interport side. The thing which impressed me chiefly about Beltrao was his canny positional play which often left him in undisputed possession of the ball when one of the opposition thought he had cleared it to his own forward. This is a hall mark of good centre-half play, and for this quality alone Beltrao deserves his place against Shanghai. Additionally he is a fine tackler, and knows precisely where and when to dispose of the ball. To say that Gosano played a typical game at left back last Friday is rather to understate the case. The most remarkable thing about his work was that it touched peak standard under difficult and depressing conditions. There was no surer foot on the field than Gosano's, and the manner in which he smothered Lee Wai-tong, who can usually give the Scarlet Pimpernel points in elusiveness, was masterly in its precision, which followed skilful anticipation.

### Consider Lee Wai-tong

ON the face of things I don't think the selectors are going to have much difficulty in choosing the defence, though many will regret that Swain is not available. The goalkeeper position seems to rest between Rowlands and Pau Ka-ping, and honestly I don't think it matters too much which is chosen, for there is practically nothing to argue about concerning their respective merits. If anything, I think Rowlands has surer hands than Pau, though his general technique is not quite so polished. Gosano and Beltrao should be certainities, and it is hard to see how Leung Wing-chui can be left out of the intermediate line. The constitution of the attack offers far greater problems, and one which cannot be fairly tackled at this stage. But I did hear one prominent official observe recently that it would be a fine thing if Lee Wai-tong would turn out at centre-forward. I'm certainly inclined to agree. Lee may have lost a great deal of his old dash and stamina, but his very presence in the attack would lend it a morale which might well make the difference between a lively and match-winning offence, and a listless, nervous, hesitant forward line. And let it be remembered, Lee still possesses shots with both feet second to none in the Far East for their deadly accuracy and amazing power. I'd like to think

### By "Veritas"

### Our Daily Golf Hint

In approach shots, it will help the player to retain more control over the shot if he holds the club rather lower down than he would do, say in the case of the iron.

C. A. Whitcombe.

### HOCKEY

## MACAO AGAIN TRIUMPH Hongkong XI Thrashed

(By Our Own Correspondent)

MACAO, Jan. 3. Brilliant hockey was witnessed by large crowds in Macao this afternoon when the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade Royal Artillery, captained by Tara Singh, crushed the formidable Macao Hockey Club, captained by Laertes Costa. In a friendly encounter. The visitors suffered a crushing defeat by eight goals to two. Macao thus continuing its winning vein and maintaining its enviable record of not having lost a single match on its own ground.

Play was extremely brisk from the outset, and only two minutes from bully-off the local side opened the score after a fine dash by the Macao forwards and a neat shot by P. Angelo. A second raid of the Artillery goal zone which immediately followed, saw Rosario, inside left, register the second goal from close range.

The pace was maintained by swift inter-passing, and the visitors' forward line made frequent onslaughts on the Macao goal. So alert was the home defence, however, that every attempt to score was ably frustrated. Some fifteen minutes later, the Macao quintette broke through the opposition, and eluding Bachan Singh, right back, Rosario scored a third goal.

### QUICK AND CLEVER GOALS

On resumption, the persistent moves by the Macao forwards in enemy territory led the Artillery defence to a merry dance. Awarded a short corner, the home team won further ahead with a fourth goal by Costa, left half, after five minutes.

Another two minutes passed and Rosario showed his agility when, taking a quick pass from P. Angelo, he put through a fifth goal.

Ten minutes later the visitors succeeded in breaking clear of the opposing defence. Tara Singh at centre, led the vigorous attack which enabled Khuda Bux, inside left, to score from close quarters.

After five minutes Macao replied with another goal, this being a splendid solo effort by P. Angelo. Eventually the Artillery were rewarded with a second goal after a clever combination and a flashing shot by Kishan Singh.

Thereafter, Macao held the balance of the exchanges. F. Macao, right wing, carried the ball smartly from centre and scored with an angle shot from long range, while the last goal was a perfect shot by A. Angelo, left wing, who directed a high ball into the net.

The Macao team was undoubtedly at the top of its form. Individually and collectively, the players directed their movements with precision and absolute understanding. The defence led by Alex Alrosa at centre-half was magnificent.

The visitors' forward line lacked the speedy cohesion which featured

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## SAINTS DO THE TRICK

### BUT WERE LITTLE LUCKY

St. Joseph's 2 S. China "A" 1 (Leonard, Omar) (Lai Shui-wing)

South China "A" turned out a peculiar assortment of senior and junior players for yesterday's match against St. Joseph's at Sookunpo, and because of the obvious absence of balance in the team, it was not completely surprising to see them lose. But a fairer result would have been a division of points.

Lee Wai-tong turned out for his second successive game in the course of three days, and with the interport looming ahead, this appears to be significant. Lee was a brilliant trier, out almost completely without support. Lai Shui-wing alone understood Lee's moves. The rest of the attack was much too inadequate against a virile defence.

Big disappointment was Ho Ka-kuen, one-time star front line man of the erstwhile Athletic team. Ho, ponderous and unimaginative, could never adapt himself to the requirements of the game and appeared to be playing right out of his class of football.

Heavy responsibility was thrown on Wong Mee-shun, and the centre-half rose nobly to the occasion, being tireless in his covering of large tracts of ground, and constantly attentive, when given the opportunity, to the needs of his forwards. The Chinese defence was rather shaky, and clearly feared the boisterous Leonard. This was made evident when he scored St. Joseph's first goal. He went through practically unchallenged.

This, of course, was not the real South China "A" team, but that cannot alter the fact that two immensely valuable points were conceded. The champions have now only a comparatively faint chance of retaining the title, as they have already dropped three more points than the Ulster Rifles who head the league table.

### WORKMANLIKE WINNERS

St. Joseph's played a very workmanlike football, especially in defence. Costa and Souza would allow Lee Wai-tong no rope, although even they sailed on occasions to stop him from getting home some of his most telling shots. Unhappily for Lee they were slightly off the mark.

St. Joseph's were seen to better advantage in the second half, and peppered Pau Ka-ping with good shots from all angles. Leonard and Fernandez were always prominent in these dramatic raids, and they often had the opposition completely fooled. Pau's skilful goalkeeping alone saved South China from a heavy deficit during the second half.

Nevertheless the deciding goal which came late in the game was far from satisfactory, the ball having apparently passed over the line when it was retrieved and sent back to Omar who shot easily past an astonished Pau. South China's vigorous protest was not sustained by the referee, who went so far as to consult his linesman.

The first half saw the teams score a goal apiece.

Leonard opened for the Saints after Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shui-wing and Wong Mee-shun all gave very close indeed for the champions. But St. Joseph's did not hold their lead for long; Lai Shui-wing putting his side on level terms with a dazzling shot from the wing. A truer indication of the run of play in this period would have been an odd goal lead for the Chinese.



The first and second elevens of the St. Joseph's Football Club, who compete in the make a happy picture in one of the goals at Sookunpo yesterday. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



# ALEC PEARCE GOES ON TO BOWL AND QUICKLY WRECKS HAVOC

It was difficult to realize when walking down on Saturday morning that Friday had been an appalling day. Of course not a ball in the Club v. Navy Triangular Tournament match could be bowled, but some of us who took our livers out for a jog about 6 p.m. in the evening realized that the rain had stopped and that it was colder. There was hope for Saturday, but I certainly did not dream that such a beautiful day, sunny but cold, would come along.

Worse was to come however as next over Boucher, who had kept the Law Courts and going, bowled Stewart with a beautiful one which might have been smothered forward but which he turned very quickly. He had been dropped at first slip off a hard chance only two balls before. The procession continued, and a new ball struck the wicket. Boucher looked like a flash of lightning. McLehann's leg slipped. It was perhaps the shortest ball. At this time the batsmen had completely given up the idea of scoring runs and three maidens had yielded two wickets. The best hit (to be his) was a four byes, and Foster, an occasional full tosser, was gulped to mid-off with the solemnity of a church-warden showing the squire into his pew.

Fifty went up as the result of an hour and fifteen minutes play. Boucher was curious to find that Boucher was bowling so beautifully but had only one wicket while Forster was not very accurate but had got four. The run-

four byes to leg and a single to the four byes, but it was a beautiful delivery shot which went between the first and second slip. Then Boucher spoiled Boucher's analysis by getting a single to square leg.

A single to Baines was well caught by Hayward near the wicket, which was a good calling could have been quick run. Another to Hayward followed. Boucher then bowled a tenth maiden. One had rather expected Prowse to be put on. Harper continued, and ran a bit, but success as yet. Boucher had tried to cut, but was taken at the wicket. Eight runs he scored in no way represented the value of his innings as he had kept his wicket and his head in a desperate situation. But a run admitted he runs badly between wicket.

A smart single to each batsman followed, and in Boucher's sixth over Hayward drove him quite to long off but Forster ran in

LTD. — I think Hayward chose the logical moment to make his bid, but the Club's rather slovenly had allowed the Navy to m

Wong, Wah-gay, South China "B" custodian saves well when sternly pressed by Fusiliers forwards during the league match on Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

pitched up spinners and paid penalty. The last six men failed to open their accounts, and so the C won. How are the mighty fallen!

Dr. Basto is offering himself re-election.

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## SPARE MOMENT PAGE

By  
Torpedoman  
Albert E. Pratt

One of the crew of H.M.S.  
Natal at the time of  
the disaster

IT is said that the two beetling headlands, scarcely a mile apart, which form the bottle-neck opening to Cromarty Firth in Scotland, are called "The Sutors," because on the crest of each there used to live a cobbler with only one last between the two of them.

This, says legend, they shared by throwing it backward and forwards as required—"sutor" being the Latin and an old Scottish word for cobbler. But, whatever you may think of this local lore, there can be no doubt that nowhere on the coast of Great Britain is there a better protected or more sequestered natural harbour.

This is the reason Cromarty Firth was one of the most important naval bases during the war. Some of the swiftest and most vital naval dramas had their beginning in that twenty-mile stretch of water with the straggling burghs of Invergordon on the one side and Cromarty on the other.

## A Pulse of the War

The Admiralty was constantly in touch with this northern stronghold, for sometimes the entire High Sea Fleet would be moored there in readiness for action. Special trains often left London secretly in the middle of the night and raced non-stop over those 700 miles that lay between London and Invergordon carrying with them munitions, food supplies, and not infrequently some of the big naval chiefs in a special saloon coach attached to the rear.

Cromarty Firth was one of the pulses of the war. An urgent message flashed from one of the Sea Lords in London would in a few minutes send a squadron of our greatest ships steaming between "The Sutors."

Towards the end of 1915 there was considerable movement in the Firth. "The Sutors" had been fortified. A mine-laying station had been established at local distillery. A line of oil tanks for the refuelling of the great men-o-war of the Fleet stretched for a quarter of a mile along the northern shore.

The water was dotted with every description of craft. There were battleships and cruisers, destroyers and submarines, torpedo-boats and aircraft carriers, mine-layers and minesweepers, and auxiliary craft of various kinds—eighty to a hundred in all.

## TO-DAY IN THE PAST

# The Story Of The Blowing-Up of H.M.S. Natal

To-day a naval man tells of the blowing up in the Cromarty Firth on New Year's Eve, 1915, of the armoured cruiser Natal. Four hundred persons on board were killed.

Among the medley of craft anchored off Cromarty was the 13,500 tons armoured cruiser Natal, one of the last ships of the pre-Dreadnought age.

She had been built a good many years before at a cost of £1,218,244, including her six 9.2 and four 7.5 guns, and normally she carried a complement of 704 officers and men. On the morning of December 30 there was a good deal of activity aboard the ship, for it was known that the commissioned ranks were giving a New Year party that same afternoon to which their brother officers from other boats had been invited, as well as friends and relations living on shore and nurses from the hospital ships.

The cook had been ordered to prepare a special feast, with all the customary dishes and delicacies of celebration, and the officers' quarters were gaily decorated with flags, bunting, and coloured balloons. The ship's band was to play and there was to be dancing. A cinema show also was included in the programme, and games for the children, of whom a number were to be present.

Lord Jellicoe, then Sir John Jellicoe, and Lady Jellicoe, who were at Invergordon, had been sent an invitation, and were expected aboard the Natal during the festivities.

I remember that day very well—dull and dry, with a cold wind sweeping across the Firth from the north, and causing the smaller of the craft rhythmically to rock in the grey, ruffled waters.

## Proud "Ironclad"

Shortly after noon a large number of the men left the ship, myself among them, for, apart from the

fact that the party, excepting a number of helpers from the non-commissioned ranks, was only for officers and their friends, we non-commissioned ones had our own particular pastime—a football match at Cromarty between the petty officers and men of the Natal.

After the match I happened to take a look at the Natal, which lay below the playing field alongside her sister ships—the Shannon, the Cochrane, and the Achilles.

A proud "ironclad" she looked, indeed, with the Union Jack fluttering from her masthead. I wondered how the party was going and if the children were enjoying themselves.

And it was at this moment that there occurred a sight that froze the blood in my veins; that lives with me to this day in nightmares—a sight that set me shouting to my football friends and impelled one and all to rush pell-mell down to the water-side.

A tower of sickly yellow flame had suddenly shot up from the aft of the ship.

It leaped above the masthead. It seemed even to dwarf the mountains in the background.

It struck terror to the hearts of all who saw it—and they say its flash was noticed ten miles away at Fortrose, despite the daylight. It was unmistakably the flash of burning cordite.

Almost simultaneously there sounded a deep, rumbling explosion, that, by reason of its remoteness, seemed to come from the depth of the sea.

It was followed by two sharper explosions. The vessel immediately swung and swayed in alarming fashion.

Then she suddenly began to heel

to port. Over, over she slowly went. Those of her crew and others who had by then reached the deck slid into the water like beans from a shovel.

Some who managed to cling on to the ship's fixtures made frantic efforts to scramble up the rapidly steepening deck.

Further, further she went, till her rail touched the water with her bilge keel pointing heavenwards.

For a moment she lay there, while a straggling line of survivors floundered on her slimy hull.

Yet another explosion from her depths—so muffled that it seemed more like the dull throb of a pulse—and with a great shudder the Natal had disappeared.

It all happened in less than five minutes. So short had been the enactment of this great disaster that one felt it to have been unreal—the grotesque hallucinations of some haunting nightmare.

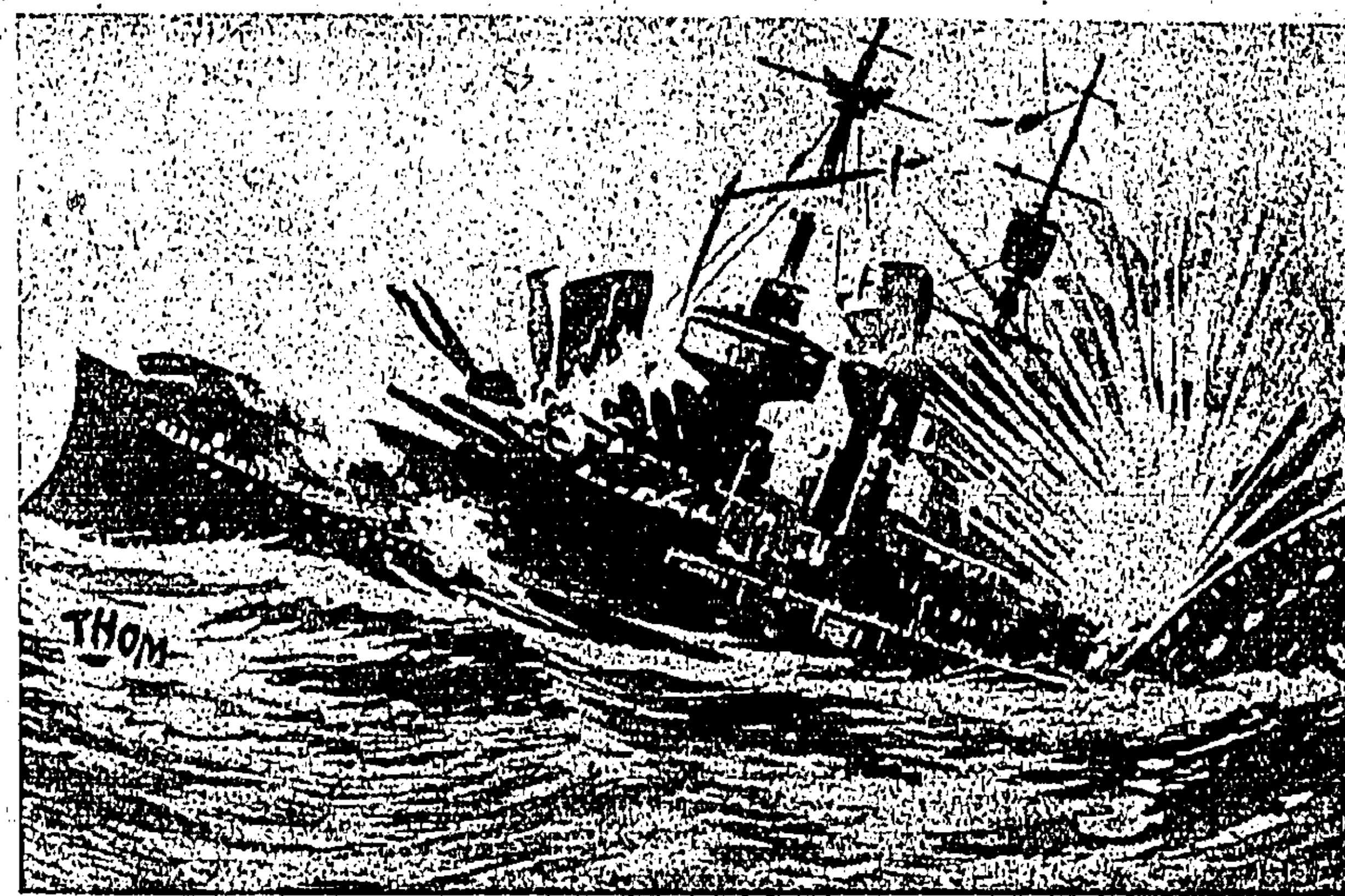
Nothing but a seething mass of white foam to mark the spot, dotted with patches of struggling human beings who had survived.

## Saved by Teeth

An immediate rush to the rescue was made by every available craft. There was a string of tenders, launches, and tugs, followed by a flotilla of rowing boats and dinghies whose oarsmen pulled feverishly.

The scenes in the water as boats drew alongside were indescribably terrible. Many of the survivors were striving to keep up despite their dreadful injuries caused no doubt by the explosion. Many sank before help came.

There was one man whose hands had been blown off. A rope was thrown to him by a rescue party in a



launch. He gripped the rope with his teeth and was thus drawn to safety.

Not one of the civilians who had gone aboard the cruiser, however, was to be seen. None in fact, has ever been found from that day to this.

No doubt they were imprisoned in the ship where the party was being held.

Perhaps they were already dead before the ship sank, for although considering the magnitude of the disaster, the detonations were comparatively small, it was apparent when salvage work on the boat began some years later that the force of the concussion must have been terrible.

The entire stern of the ship was found to be missing. Divers discovered pieces of her propellers on the bed of the Firth many yards away from the wreck.

This surprising disparity between noise and damage is probably because the explosion was well down in the ship below the waterline.

## Submarine Theory

Many theories were advanced to account for the disaster. One of the first it was thought that an enemy submarine had succeeded in breaching the defences of "The Sutors" and passed between them into the Firth, but this view was subsequently dismissed, because it was unlikely that any under-water craft could have safely negotiated the network of mines laid at the entrance to the Firth.

Another conjecture was that an enemy agent had introduced an infernal machine into one of the after magazines.

Yet the magazines and shell rooms which it was assumed had exploded and caused the ship to sink were found intact by the salvors.

Even their cordite charges and projectiles were discovered still in their places. The theory which gained greatest ground was that an infernal machine set to explode at a given hour was introduced into the ship's coal bunkers. The fact that the Natal had returned from a Liverpool docking only a few days before the disaster, and it was notorious that the dock gates were unsecured and that even eighteen months after the outbreak of war it was a comparatively easy matter for any one to board vessels in the guise of workmen, coupled with the coincidence that the other two battleships destroyed by internal explosions during the war—the Vanguard and the Bulwark—were coaling ships, lent a certain credence to the theory.

Moreover, it was well known that during the war Germany produced skilfully camouflaged bombs to resemble blocks of coal, oil drums and parts of ship's gear in readiness for the opportunity to "plant" them in British battleships.

Yet another hazard as to the cause of the disaster, discussed at the time was that the cinematograph film that was to have been shown accidentally caught alight and ignited the explosives aboard.

But this has since been discounted by the discovery by divers of the film, quite intact, strips of which practically every one in the surrounding towns and villages now possesses as a souvenir.

## Wonderful Escapes

Perhaps the most feasible explanation is that in some way one of the magazines became ignited and exploded, immediately flooding the others. This would account for the salvors finding them intact.

This theory is most possibly correct, since the Natal at the time

was in harbour trim with all her water-tight doors open. No one will ever be able to relate what actually happened in those few terrible minutes.

Of those who were in the very heart of the ship none survived, for even if they were alive after the explosion their escape was cut off through the concussion slamming and jamming the doors of the interior gangways.

Salvors had to hack them open when working on the ship.

Of those who were picked out to the water alive shortly after the disaster every one was too dazed to give a coherent story. In all 428 officers, men, nurses and civilians were lost. A number of survivors later succumbed from their injuries.

Many stories of miraculous escapes were told. One man ashore missed the launch which would have put him aboard the Natal five minutes before the disaster.

An Invergordon doctor and his wife were among those invited. They were about to leave their house for the Natal when a telephone message called the doctor to an accident in the town. He tried to persuade his wife "not to miss the fun," and preceded him to the party.

He would follow later. She, however, insisted on waiting his return for her the Natal had disappeared.

The news that Sir John and Lady Jellicoe were aboard the cruiser spread through the town, but as it happened they were, fortunately, unable at the last minute to attend the celebrations.

Black Isle, as they call Cromarty and the surrounding locality, is constantly reminded of the tragic fate of that proud ship and those who were aboard in the grim monument that every day emerges from the water when the tide ebbs.

Then the long line of the Natal's "bilge" keel can be plainly seen protruding several feet above the water like the humped back of a whale, surrounded each end by a beacon to safeguard shipping in the channel.

There she lies, masts downwards, at a slight angle which brings up her "bilge" keel squarely from the water's surface.

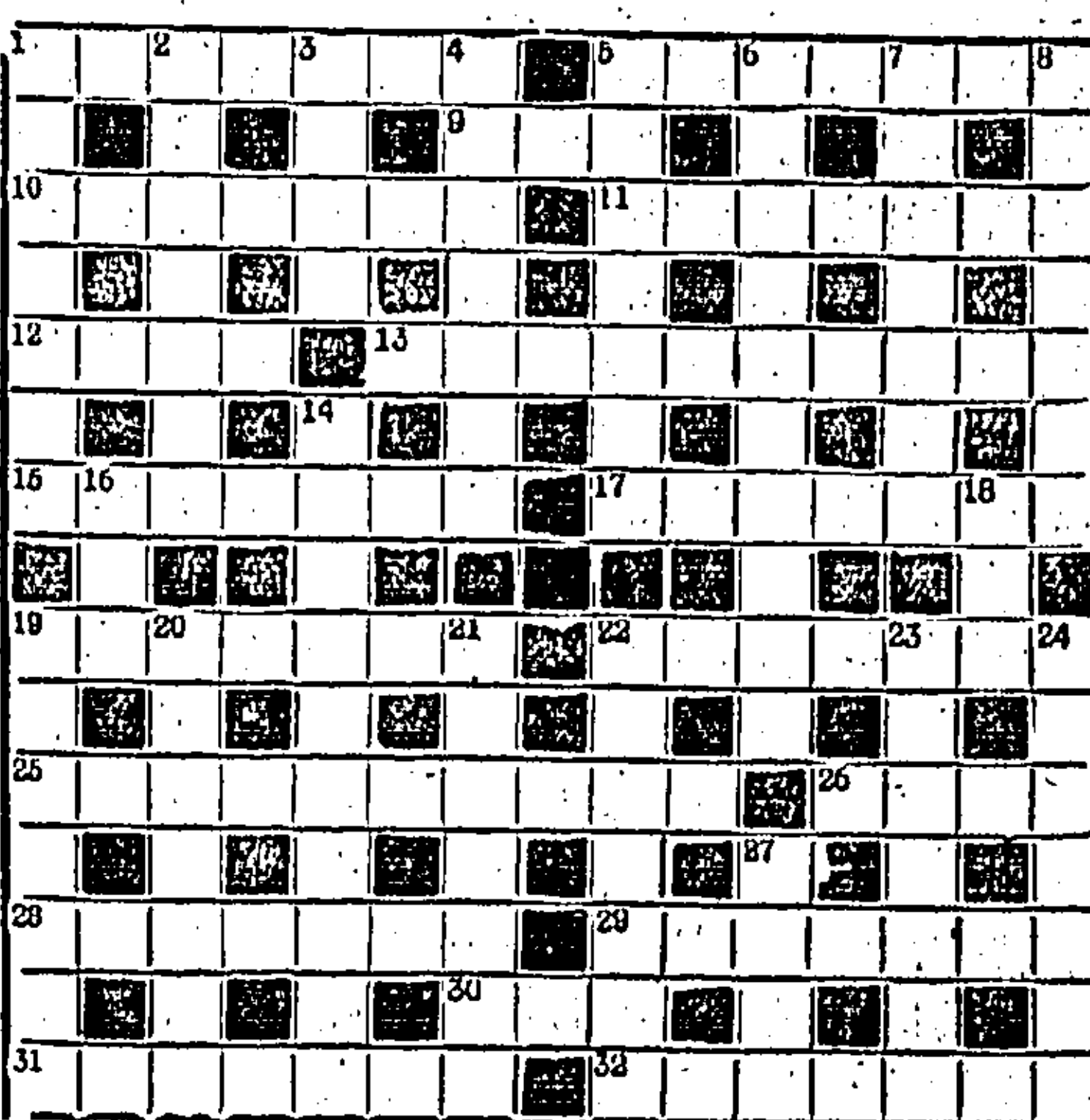
Occasionally the ferryman who plies between Cromarty and Invergordon will leave his usual line of route and draw up alongside the ship to enable a relative, a passenger in his boat, reverently to place a wreath of flowers on her wave-washed wreckage.

## Razor Blades Now

Sometimes a diver, groping his way about her watery barnacle-crusting corridors in connection with the salvage work, will come across an ominous heap of bleached bones. A naval funeral with full honours is at once given to the remains.

Meanwhile work on salvaging the metal has been going slowly ahead for some years, and by an ironical trick of fate the heavy pliers of high tensile steel that were intended to protect her from the attacks of her adversaries are now being cut and ground into blades for safety razors.

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## ACROSS

- 1 A naval battle here would be paradoxical.
- 5 The golfer who buys this is concerned with the sphere of economy.
- 9 Things in this are probably wanted.
- 10 Those flatten the sands.
- 11 Put the grate around in the wrong way and the result is hard.
- 12 An architectural feature that changed the fashion.
- 13 Where America takes stock (two words).
- 15 Double.
- 17 "Star tie" (anag.).
- 19 An old master.
- 22 May, perhaps.
- 25 A statement that might clear up a 24 down.
- 26 This in bed is indeed fortunate.
- 28 A musical cord.
- 29 Reports of this are rife in war.
- 30 An expressive part of 22 down.
- 31 "He heats" (anag.).
- 32 This vehicle has a distinct rotary movement in it.

## DOWN

- 1 Semi-precious stone.
- 2 Cool mob makes a hot town.
- 3 Worry.
- 4 This may be all over the fruit.
- 5 A collection to make Bill Sikes' mouth water.
- 6 A growing concern.
- 7 It's a cool customer that has this quality.

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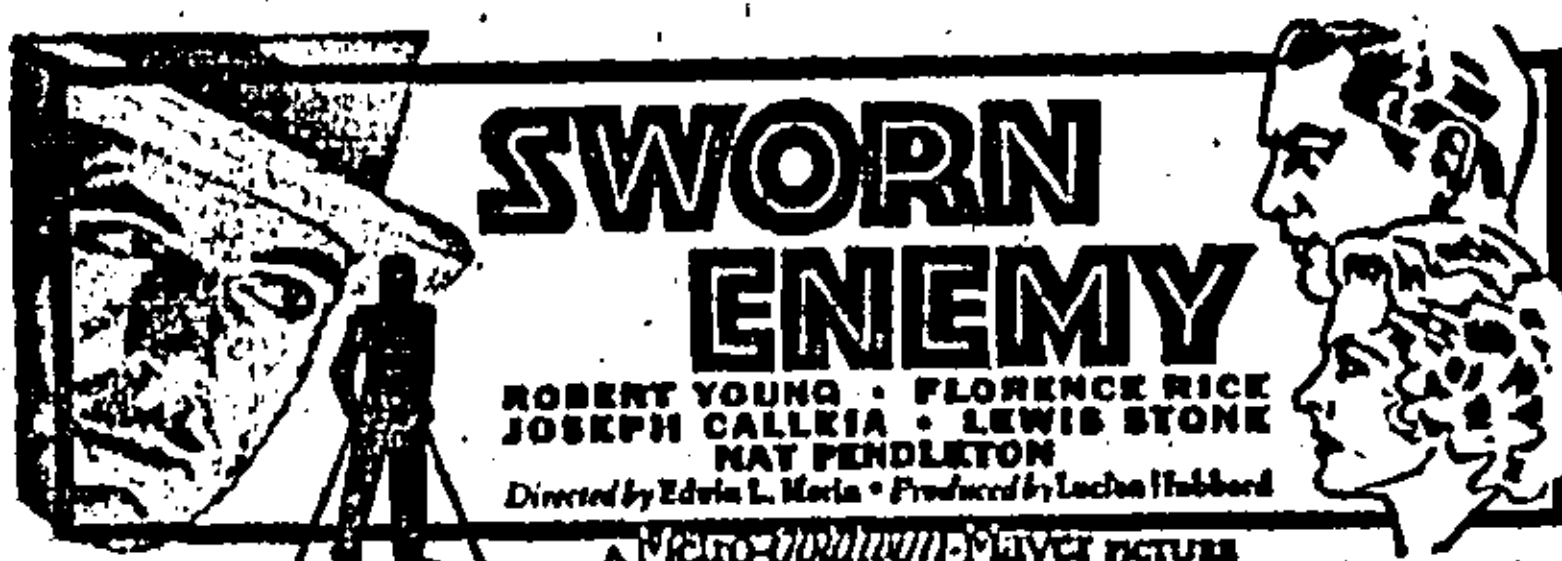
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She has run away from him, but love knows no boundary and he is on his way to Britain.

Lolita, feeling rather nervous at being pursued, and suffering from a not too pleasant crossing, was in bed when a newspaper representative saw her at the Savoy Hotel.

"A sigh came from her. 'I do not love him. I cannot marry him.'"

Her eyes lit up and her voice became soft.

"I am in love with an Englishman, and he is in love with me. I do not want to divulge his name, but he belongs to an aristocratic family. Some day we will marry."

"He is not a millionaire, but he has a heart of gold, and always does the right thing."

"He sent me those lovely roses. The American would have sent me something out of the ordinary, something queer which would not have given me anything like the pleasure the roses did."

### Wants To Settle Down

Lolita, who is well known on the American stage, screen and radio, expects to make a film over here.

She has won fame as a Spanish dancer, but she says she is tired of the stage.

"I want to give it up, to settle down with my Englishman, to have children, and lead a quiet life."

"First, though, I want to make a 'hit' in London. I feel I owe that to myself. Then I will gladly marry my Englishman and give up the stage for ever."

## Another Kind Of Time

HOW LIFE MOVES

Mankind is already blessed with mean solar time, sidereal time, Summer Time, and space time—and Professor Milne, of Oxford, has lately told us that atoms and stars keep a different kind of time from the normal pendulum clock.

Now a French scientist, M. Lecomte de Nouy, has determined to add to the fun by announcing that there is yet another kind of time—"biological time"—the time which our bodies keep.

M. de Nouy has assisted Dr. Alexis Carrel at the Rockefeller Institute in his remarkable experiments on "tissue culture"—the growth and maintenance of healthy tissues outside the body—and is now working at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. His views on time are put forward in "Biological Time," published by Methuen, London, at 7s. 6d.

His theory is based on his main experimental achievement, the reduction of the healing of wounds to mathematical formula—depending on the size of the wound, the age of the patient, and (with cold-blooded animals) on the surrounding temperature.

A "correction," as might be expected, has to be introduced to account for the rapid healing of long, narrow wounds in proportion to their size. Otherwise, it appears, the equations "work." The bigger the wound, the more rapidly, in proportion, it heals. And age acts as a progressive brake on the rate of healing.

### A TEST

In one remarkable case, M. de Nouy was even able to diagnose the age of a patient and the shape of his wound, merely by applying his calculations to figures supplied him by post by the attending doctor.

Beyond that, M. de Nouy points out that life moves more slowly for a child than it does for a man, and for a young man than for an old one. Quantitatively, he suggests, that what matters is not the duration of time as measured by a clock, but the proportion of that interval to the total of experience already lived through. Thus, for a child of ten, a year's interval is one-tenth of his previous length of life, and equivalent to a two years' interval for a man of twenty, or four years for a man of forty.

A time-scale based on this theory conveniently coincides, as near as may be, with a similar time-scale based on the healing of wounds.

That is M. de Nouy's "Biological Time." It may, or may not, attain to permanence as a philosophical conception. It is certainly illustrative of the increasing emphasis which is now being placed on biological research and processes.

And as an intellectual pastime the reading of his book is to be recommended.

## Horse Brings News Of Suicide

Note Tied To Empty Saddle

New York, Dec. 18.  
Grieved by the death of a woman friend, Reserve Lieutenant William L. Carson, aged 28, killed himself under unusual circumstances.

He rode to a lonely spot on the artillery range at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he had been stationed for a course of training. Drawing a rough map, he put it in a despatch bag tied to the empty saddle of his horse. Then, after starting the horse back to the stable he killed himself.

A note with the map asked a fellow officer to see that his body was cremated, and the ashes scattered over the grave of his woman friend who died ten days ago.

## KRUPPS TO BUILD NILE BRIDGE

Cairo, December 18.

KRUPPS, German arms and steel manufacturers, have been awarded a contract to build the Semennud Bridge across the River Nile.

Their tender, £161,293, was the lowest of ten submitted. Dorman Long, with £171,796, made the lowest British tender.

Semennud is a town on the Damietta arm of the Nile delta, 80 miles north of Cairo.

## Surgeons Win LIVE SHELL IN FURNACE

New Operation Saves Man's Life

An operation which, it is claimed, has never before been attempted, has saved the life of a man who was dying in Newcastle Hospital of angina pectoris.

The operation consisted of cutting through the wall of the man's chest, putting a vascular tissue through his diaphragm and attaching it to the heart in such a manner as to augment the blood supply.

The patient, who is 50, is slowly recovering.

### RADIO "LUNACY"

"It is the action of a lunatic to go to sleep to the tune of the radio," said Brigadier-General A. F. H. Ferguson, chairman of the Northamptonshire Public Assistance Committee, at its meeting recently. It had been stated that a new nurses' home was not equipped for radio in the bedrooms.

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# MAKE THEM for HIM



By  
Susan  
Gay

SINCE this weekly feature started I've suggested and described all sorts of patterns that will make a woman look smart and attractive; quite a few that are serviceable and pretty for the children; and, once, a layette for the new baby.

It seems to me, therefore, that it's time I gave a thought to the men—especially as winter is here, and we're racking our brains for bright ideas for warmies for male friends.

So I have looked out three patterns, any one of which, made up, would be an excellent gift. And they are all quite easy to make.

TAKE the dressing-gown for example, shown on the third of Angrove's of the illustration. This is a particularly good style for winter wear, raglan-shaped shoulders that adapt themselves so accommodatingly to a man's figure, even if he's the very square-shouldered type.

Make it in some warm but light-weight material, a checked cashmere, for instance, one of the new wide-striped woollens or a very soft tweed. Or you can find some interesting broadweaves in the soft furnishing department that would be admirable for this pattern.

If your husband or boy friend does a lot of travelling then make it in a Paisley-patterned flannel or a dark spotted shantung, so that it will pack up small and travel well.

A NEAT design was used for the pyjama suit shown in the centre of the illustration. This is a particularly good style for winter wear, for the front can be buttoned right up to the throat on cold nights.

The sleeves are set plainly into fairly loose armholes that allow plenty of freedom of movement, lessening the strain at the back of

the arms where jackets seem so often to split.

If you want it to be an extra nice present, make this pattern up in washing silk. It gives a lovely feeling of luxury and yet it wears and launders marvellously.

THE shirt shown here is a good tailored style. The most important thing about a shirt is the neck fitting. Make sure you measure the right size and then you will find the finished product will be a great success.

You can make this pattern in the

ordinary English style, with the almost waist-length opening. Or you can make it in the American coat shape, that is, opening all the way down. And you have a choice of two types of collar, one with points and the other with rounded ends, as shown in the small sketch.

I suggest you make two of each, for collars have a much harder life than the rest of the shirt.

You will probably also have enough material left to make a second pair of cuffs, ready to stitch on when the original ones begin to

show signs of wear.

## BREAKFAST IN BED

FOR ALL that early-rising and salt pots shaped like tiny fruits help to improve appetite and out-contrary, breakfast in bed can be a benediction, a rejuvenation, a refuge from unpleasant realities and a mild health cure. Often there is no argument when doctor's orders are to take breakfast in bed at least once a fortnight.

Hard-working women who can once a week recline for an hour over morning coffee and rolls or rather and toast ought to raise this indulgence to the level of a serious ritual.

Begin with a lacy web or frilly satin negligee, a hot-water bottle and then one of those six-way cushions to prop a lazy back. As their name implies the cushions—which are made in fifty different colours—are shaped like a rounded wedge to fit into the small of the back and to support the shoulders.

Alternatively, get a white quilted satin cushion or a modern ice satin one which has the frosted surface and bluish colour of ice, but is very curdling for a languid head.

Breakfast trays can be, and should be, blithely informal, gay and fresh. Its preparation must allow for a serve-yourself meal in homes where breakfast in bed is not conducted by a maid or butler. (Better without either, a doctor would advise.)

Flowers, if any, can be arranged in a squat Venetian glass vase, or a pottery pot made so low as to be secure against tipping.

The tray should belong to the breakfast set and be in colours to woo the "breakfast" mood. The flimsy woman can match them to the colours of her bed-linen, elderdown, or walls.

After a sleepless night, cereal and cream would look most inviting on a tray painted in a dusty gold cream with gold points. The beige china designed for it is of cream with broad bands of apple green and fine gold scrolls. The shape of the teapot, the clover hot-water plate for poached eggs, the dainty cereal dish are in spirit. All are mounted with chromium-plated frames and handles. On a sycamore tray, breakfast pottery in dark blue or green would

help to improve appetite and out-contrary, breakfast in bed can be a benediction, a rejuvenation, a refuge from unpleasant realities and a mild health cure. Often there is no argument when doctor's orders are to take breakfast in bed at least once a fortnight.

Tray cloths are no longer needed with these attractive trays, but finger napkins and tea and egg cosies are made to match. Here, again, it is those with green applique or embroidery which help us to meet the morning with happiness.

Breakfast in bed for those people who would like to get up but are not look merry with their graduated able—also for those who are able but do not like—is best served on an



## Useful Chutneys

Good Cooking

By Ambrose Heath

THESE chutneys are particularly useful because they can be quite easily made and the ingredients are easy to get.

Chutneys often make all the difference to cold meats in winter time, whether they are home-made or some of the excellent proprietary kinds.

### Banana Chutney

PEEL and slice with a stainless steel knife a dozen bananas. Chop finely a pound of cooking apples, half a pound of onions, and six ounces of seedless raisins. Put these with the bananas into an enamelled saucepan with half a pint of white wine vinegar, a half a pound of granulated sugar, a dessertspoonful of curry powder, salt, cayenne pepper and half a teaspoonful each of ground ginger and powdered cinnamon.

Simmer slowly for two to three hours, being careful to stir to prevent burning. Cool and put into pots like jam.

### Green Tomato Chutney

CHOP up finely five pounds of green tomatoes, sprinkle them over with salt, cover them and let them stand all night.

In the morning drain off the liquid, and put the tomato into a stewpan with two pounds of apples and a pound of onions cut up, a pound of brown sugar, a quart of vinegar, half a pound of treacle, and some cloves, allspice and pepper-corns tied up in muslin bag.

Boil all together until the tomatoes are tender (about an hour), take out the bag of spices, pot and cover when cold.

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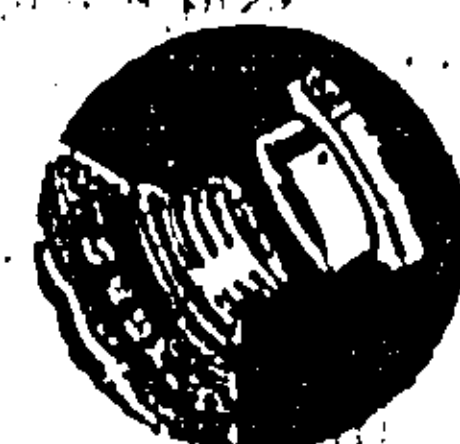
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MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL sounded a war alarm recently when he addressed in the Albert Hall a great non-party meeting for the defence of freedom and peace. Ten thousand people of all shades of political and social thought heard the warning—heard this solemn declaration by the speaker:

"To stop the coming war, we must in the next six months gather together the greatest number of nations—all as well armed as possible—and united under the Covenant of the League."

Mr. Churchill said there were two great groups of nations, which he described as "insurance groups," which profoundly desired peace.

In the west were Great Britain, France and Belgium, with which ought to be effectively associated "the very anxious" States of Holland and Switzerland.

In the east were Poland, the Baltic States and the populous armed States of Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

### RUSSIA WANTS PEACE

"There are good reasons for believing that the Government and people of Russia want to live in peace. A combination of Russia and all these eastern European Powers would be most weighty and substantial."

"Thus we have two great groups of nations, more or less effectively armed, none of which wish for war. The crucial question is whether war should become associated for mutual protection."

"Once the League of Nations is added to this force, and sanctions their action, you will have a great preponderance of material and physical military force—and it may be of decisive importance—the will of the world and the measured, deliberate judgment of mankind."

### LEAGUE'S BIG CHANCE

Mr. Churchill said our engagements must not at this stage go beyond the obligations of the Covenant. Our Foreign Secretary was fully justified in defining them with the utmost precision.

He believed that the great days of the League had yet to come. It was never so necessary for the world, never had it so fine a chance; never such solid backing.

Mr. Churchill referred to "this disgusting Jew-baiting which some people are trying to import here." He spoke of Sir Oswald Mosley as one of those who were "fascinated by the spectacle of brutal and ruthless power."

"At the other end of the political scale are the Trotskyite Communists—men who seek not the opportunity for Russia to prove it she can that Socialism will work—but that fanatics who labour for world revolution."

### A LONG WAY ROUND

"Thirdly, we have Sir Stafford Cripps. He is in a class by himself. He wishes us to be conquered by the Nazis in order to stir us into becoming Bolsheviks. It seems a long way round."

"Lastly, we have the absolute non-resisters, Canon Sheppard and Mr. Lansbury."

"These are plous men, but they would lead us to ruin, even more surely than the other two. We must not let them lead us to ruin."

"The plan is for us all to lie prostrate on our faces and see what the dictators will do to us."

"At a moment when all over Europe even children are being taught compulsion to play their part in war, these men actually boast that they are persuading more young men every week to vow that they will not fight for any cause than the Secretary for War can recruit for our modest little army."

"What a freak show!"

"What a pity the Crystal Palace has been burnt down!"

"The Liberal (I use the word in a non-political sense) Parliamentary democracies, great or small—to take all the necessary measures to place themselves in a state of security not only for their own safety, but also that they may hold aloft those beacon lights of freedom, which will carry their rays of hope and encouragement to the thinkers and the followers in every land."

"Must the Liberal democracies remain helpless spectators of the conflagration and carnage?"

"I wish we were strong enough to bring this slaughter to a close."

"If we are powerless to-day—too weak, too cust down, it is our own fault."

"We have not kept our lamps burning for the call. Other calls may come. Let us prepare."

### SIR WALTER'S CHOICE

Sir Walter Cilline, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, who presided, said: "If I have to

### London—In Five Million Words

FIVE million words will be written about London before the gigantic survey undertaken by the London County Council, begun in 1912, is completed.

Only a third of the 50 ponderous volumes contemplated have so far been published.

One volume per year has been the average output, and the cost of compiling a volume has latterly been about £200. Antiquaries, archaeologists and historians are giving the London Survey Committee their voluntary services in speeding up the work.

### "BRITAIN'S HERITAGE" AS A FILM

#### Entertainment for Coronation Time

By A Film Critic

A realistic and ambitious film is to be made for the Coronation period.

Permission for pictures to be taken of the Coronation Throne, of scenes in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, of the Stone of Scone, and of the King's aeroplane have been granted by the King himself.

All services in connection with the film have been given without profit, and the proceeds are to go towards the King George V. National Memorial Fund.

The picture, which is called "Our Royal Heritage," will be shown as a feature production and as seven one-reel pictures, each under a "Heritage" title. They are "Heritage of the Soil," "of Defence," "of the Sea," "of the Air," "of Industry," "of Happiness," and "of the Home."

### THE THRONE MOVED

For taking the scenes in Westminster Abbey, the Coronation Throne was moved for the first time for hundreds of years. It is believed to be the first time in this country that the Royal co-operation has been given in the production of a film.

The director of the picture is Mr. Wigley Newman. Units for taking scenes in different parts of the Empire have travelled the equivalent of four times round the world, and have exposed a million feet of film.

Co-operation has been given also by the Admiralty, the War Office, the Ministry, the Lord Mayor of London, the Office of Works, and many other private companies and organisations. A steel foundry in Southampton, Lincolnshire, closed down for a day while filming was in progress, and 2,000 workers received full pay during the filming.

Among the most interesting scenes will be those of the changing of the Guard, photographed from Buckingham Palace, the Palace Gardens, photographed for the first time, and those at the farm on the estate of the Duke of Cornwall.

The first three reels deal with the history of the land, the Army, Air Force, and Navy defence, and to the sea; while the fourth covers the air progress from the first flight made by man to the anticipated Transatlantic air service.

"Heritage of Industry" covers progress from the early flint-knapping to the modern production of steel. The sixth reel, devoted to "Happiness," deals with sport of all kinds, and the last traces the history of the English home from the mud-hut to the modern flat.

Another film, which is to be made from actual scenes in the Abbey, in the Palace, and on the procession route, is under consideration by the Coronation Committee.

### THE EXPANDING UNIVERSE

#### RHODES LECTURER ON RECENT DISCOVERIES

Oxford, Dec. 21.

Dr. Edwin Hubble, of Mount Wilson Observatory, wound up his Rhodes lectures in the Milner Hall of Rhodes House this evening by observing that recent discoveries offered a choice between a small expanding universe and a universe of immense but unknown dimensions plus a new principle of Nature.

It was possible that the theory might be generalised to include new models. Otherwise the probabilities at the moment seemed to favour the greater universe, although a definite choice would doubtless await more powerful methods or still greater telescopes.

## YEAR II OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

### Mussolini Starts A New Calendar To Celebrate Ethiopian Conquest

Rome, January 1.

The year just expired witnessed the foundation of a new Roman Empire.

Henceforth Italian calendars will designate 1936 as "Year I of the Empire."

The dogged will and determined courage of Premier Benito Mussolini, in face of international opposition, gave Italy its new empire. Upon King Victor Emanuel the Italian dictator conferred the title of Emperor of Ethiopia and upon himself the title of Empire Founder.

Italy's conquest of Haile Selassie's hordes, initiated on October 3, 1935 and completed on May 5, 1936, added 350,000 square miles of territory to Italy's possessions. Three times the size of Italy, this rich territory has a population of 8,000,000 and unlimited natural resources.

Number 1 event of the year, therefore, was the conquest of Ethiopia. Number 2 event was Italy's alliance with Germany. The latter development was brought about by England's and France's bitter opposition to Mussolini's colonial war in violation of the League Covenant.

This year, which has proved so lucky for Italy, did not begin so propitiously for Mussolini and his Black Shirt Legions. At the close of 1935 his armies in Africa were hundreds of miles from Addis Ababa, the League of Nations was threatening an oil embargo and the gold reserve of the Bank of Italy (because of sanctions) were fast dwindling.

Mussolini threatened military resistance which would have meant war in Europe if the League carried out its project for an oil embargo against Italy.

Millions of Italians came to the rescue of the Treasury by contributing their gold wedding rings and trinkets to provide gold for war purposes. The project was published, but it is believed it aided the government over a dangerous financial crisis and united the country against its enemies as it never has been united since the advent of Fascism.

The African campaign had reached War Communism by November 25 when the southern front and on January 22nd captured Addis Ababa. A few days later, on January 25th, Marshal Pietro Badoglio started his offensive on the northern front and after four days fighting routed the Ethiopians in the Battle of the Tembien, killing 5,000 of the enemy.

HAILE SELASSIE DEFEATED

The first part of February was spent in large scale preparations for new advances on both fronts, while the League of Nations was hesitating over the application of an oil embargo. The United States adopted an independent policy of neutrality and the League abandoned its plans for new sanctions. The Italians were grateful to Washington; and redoubled efforts to finish the war as soon as possible.

In the middle of February General Badoglio met and after five days fighting defeated Ras Mulugheta and his hordes of 60,000 warriors, killing about 6,000. He followed up this victory on February 29th with a Second Battle of the Tembien, routing Ras Kassa and Seyoum in which the Ethiopians lost almost 15,000 men. The morale of the Ethiopians was shattered and the Italians prepared during March for new advances on all fronts. On March 31st Badoglio initiated an offensive at Lake Aschlaghi against the Ethiopians personally led by Haile Selassie. The Emperor was badly defeated and fled toward Dessie, leaving 7,000 men on the battlefield.

On April 1st another Italian column occupied Gondar and by April 4th all the Ethiopian forces on the northern front were in full retreat. On April 15th the Italians occupied Dessie, former headquarters of the Emperor's northern army, and by April 25th the Italians were in complete control of the Lake Tana region.

At the end of April Graziani took Sassabeneh and crushed Ras Masibu, while Badoglio was pushing southward from Dessie toward Addis Ababa. After wallowing through mud and burning over roads, units even for camels, Badoglio, in the afternoon of May 5th, entered Addis Ababa to find that the Emperor already had fled the country.

With the occupation of Addis Ababa, Mussolini called the nation into the public squares and announced: "Ethiopia is Italian." The rejoicing continued throughout the night.

On May 8th the victory was consolidated with an announcement of the annexation of Ethiopia and the proclamation of King Victor Emanuel as Emperor of Ethiopia.

The war cost Italy hardly seven months and had cost Italy the lives of about 3,000 men. Even the most optimistic experts had predicted it would take Italy at least two years to conquer Ethiopia.

The annexation of Ethiopia severely humiliated England which throughout the conflict had opposed Italy's campaign. At one time during the war England concentrated more than 600,

000 tons of war vessels in the Mediterranean and it looked as though a war between England and Italy was inevitable.

Feeling in Italy was bitter against England and the resentment continued to smoulder until the League lifted sanctions some two months after the end of the war. When sanctions were lifted on July 15th, Italy prepared to resume its old position in European affairs, but found England and France still smarting from the humiliations they had received.

Incensed at Britain's and France's failure to "forgive and forget," Mussolini promoted a settlement of the long quarrel between Germany and Austria and then proceeded to make friends with Germany. At first Mussolini only flirted with Germany in the hope that England and France would settle old differences with him in a friendly manner. Failing in this, Mussolini, on October 20th, proceeded to sign sweeping agreements with Germany, which intimately linked their foreign policies.

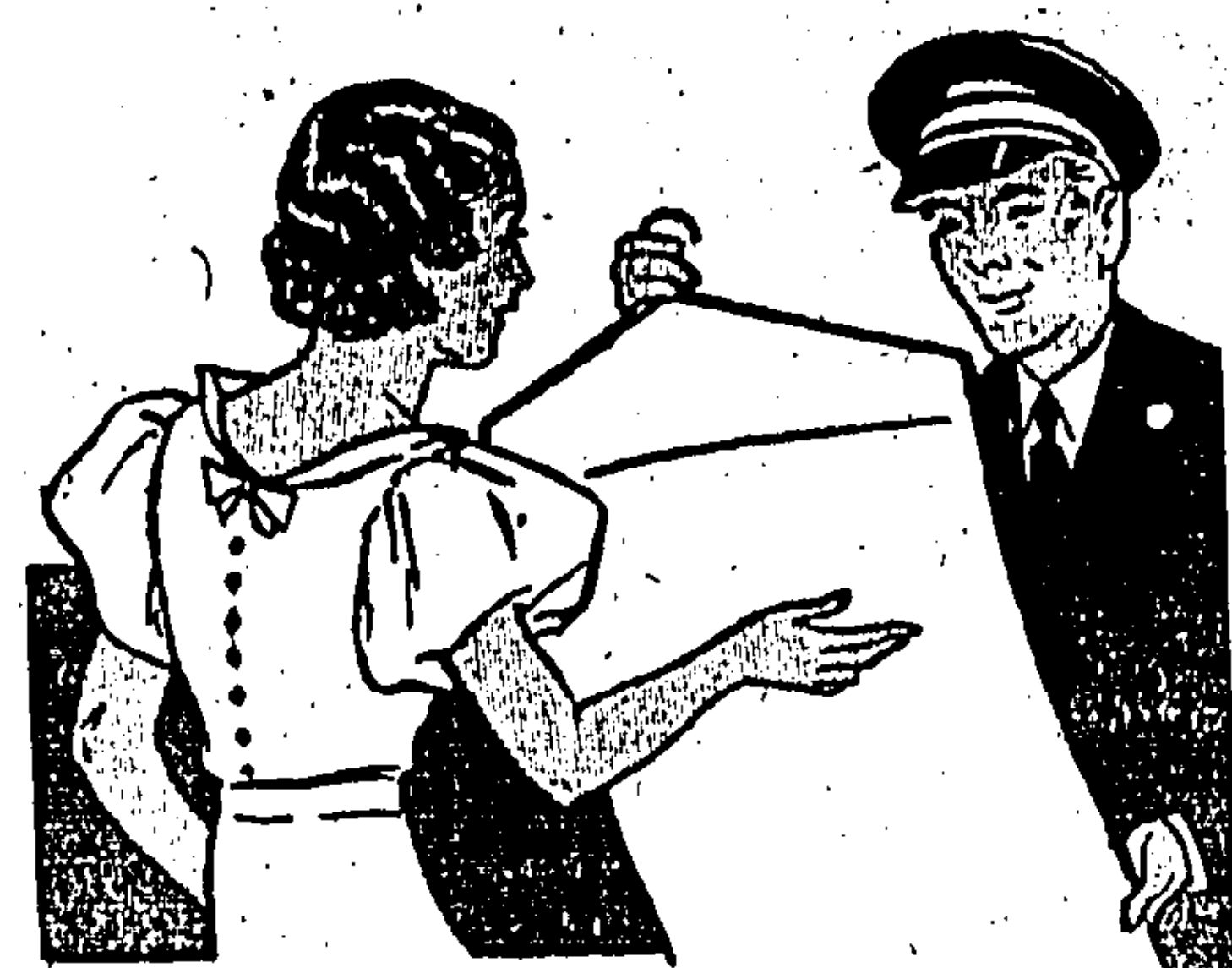
Germany, Austria, Hungary and Albania recognized Italy's annexation of Ethiopia and they to-day form a block of 125,000,000 citizens opposed to the spread of communism in Europe.

MUSSOLINI WOOS ENGLAND

Mussolini virtually took Italy out of the League of Nations in October when the League refused to unseat the Ethiopian delegation. Italy has not officially resigned, but officials say they have no intention of returning until the League expels the Ethiopian and shows signs of becoming a more "realistic" institution.

During the summer Mussolini made several bids for the return of normal relations between England and Italy, climaxing them with a peace appeal in his speech in Milan on November 1st. This speech brought a response from England and at the present time the two nations are negotiating an accord on the Mediterranean.

The civil war in Spain has brought a crisis in Italy's relations with Russia and France. Italy and Germany have taken a definite position on the establishment of a Red Republic in any part of Spain, and after recognising Franco's government they have been encouraging the final victory of the nationalist forces. Both Italy and Germany simultaneously recognised Franco's government on November 18th.



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ATHLETIC  
SET  
HOT PACE

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disappointed, and none of the inside men impressed.

## THE GAME IN BRIEF

The game was not very old when Athletic were rewarded with a goal for their persistent and lively attacks. There was a smart move in the centre resulting in Tang Kwong-sum securing possession when well placed. He shot hard and McConigal, rushing up to intercept, had the merest glimmer of seeing the ball twist off his foot into the net. In less than ten minutes Ulster were on level terms, Doherty working in nicely and centring hard and low from left. Tam Kwan-kan got his hands to the ball but could not hold it and Moore rushed up to put the finishing touches. So the first half ended, though both goals should have fallen more than once. Moore and Killen missed for the Rifles and Lal Wal-dal, made an awful mess of a pass across the goalmouth when three yards out.

The Rifles quickly became dominant in the second half, and pummelled away at a stout defence. Often the soldiers' full backs were over the halfway line so insistent were the offensives, yet seldom did the Rifles look capable of scoring. Great opportunities went begging. Killen fozzling several by attempting to shoot when he should have centred.

Eventually the Rifles got right through and as Moore (I think it was) was about to recover the ball on the goal line he was tripped from behind. A penalty was the only thing to give, yet Stevens who ran up to take it, could only shoot straight at the goal-keeper who scrambled the ball away for a corner. But it was merely a respite. Killen put in a perfect kick from the flag, and Miller, rushing up from half back banged the ball past a crowd of players.

Thereafter the Rifles were top dogs and the Athletics forward line could not get going. Their efforts were nullified on the halfway line, and only the determined resistance of the Chinese defence, plus poor finishing by the Rifles quintette, prevented more goals being piled up against the Athletics.

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gnees must arrange for a Revenue

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recognized.

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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1937.

The many friends of Dr. J. S.

Dykes, L.D.S. (St. Andrews) will

regret to learn of his impending de-

parture from the Colony. Since his

arrival in January 1928, he has been

the Government Dental Officer. Dr.

Dykes is proceeding to Singapore on

January 9 to enter into partnership

with Dr. H. Harley Clarke, who was

with him at St. Andrews. He will

carry with him the good wishes of

a wide circle of friends.

## RADIO BROADCAST

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No. 20.

10.35 p.m. A. Hallé Concert.

11 p.m. "Yesterday and Tomorrow."

11.15 p.m. Variety.

11.30 p.m. Cinema Organ Recital.

11.45 p.m. The Third Cricket Test Match.

Australia v. England.

12 a.m. A. Bonata Recital.

12.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.

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## MACAO AGAIN

TRIUMPH

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the opposition. Tara Singh, centre

half, was constantly in the thick of

clashes and with the wing halves

played stoutly. Menaced time and

again by the opposing attack, the

half backs were unable to position with

sufficient accuracy. At back,

Fushan and Darizo Singh played

out a destructive game. The visitors

did not concede anything, but play-

ed with all possible grit to the end.

Playing for the visitors were Naha

Fazal, Fushan and Darizo Singh;

Bachan, Yana and Hara Singh;

Khuda Bux, Kishan Singh, Tara

Singh, Huda Bux, Cui Singh.

Macao's team consisted of Almada;

Bosario, Lammett; J. Nolasco, Alex

Airosa, L. Costa, P. Nolasco, Alberto

Airosa, Pedrinho Angelo, H. Bosario,

Amilcar Angelo.

## BASKET BALL

Bringing their newly formed

basket ball team and soccer eleven, a

sports delegation numbering about

thirty of the Canton Municipal Police

paid a visit to Macao this week-end.

They met the Macao South China

Athletic Association at basket ball

yesterday and were victorious by a

score of 43-20, and triumphed again

by 53-33 against a team selected from

various clubs. Contesting a foot-

ball match with Macao, the Canton

Police defeated the Artillery, Macao's

League champions, by a score of

three clear goals and drew with the

Macao Police Club, three all.

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and Co. at the 19th, and H.M.S.

Cornflower (H.K.N.V.F.) beat But-

terfield and Swire.

In the second round of the G. M.

Young Cup, Dodwell and Co. beat

Low, Bingham and Matthews, while

Manufacturers Life Insurance beat

A.P.C. after a tie. On this latter

occasion it was decided if necessary

to decide the match by the number

of holes difference, and this regula-

tion had to be enforced.

In the same competition, Butterfield

and Swire beat the Standard Vacuum

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G. S. Chambers (20) beat D. L.

Prophet (12) at the 10th in the

second round of the Captain's Cup,

while A. V. Greaves (20) beat G. A.

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## Insurances.



ANGLO-ITALIAN  
ACCORD

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published. In these, Count Ciano confirmed that as far as Italy is concerned the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and undisturbed.—*Reuter*.

## Text of Notes

London, Jan. 3.

The notes exchanged in Rome on December 31, between Sir Eric Drummond and Count Ciano on the integrity of the present territories of Spain, are now made public.

The British Ambassador, in his note, begins by recalling the common question and answer of December 1, on the integrity of the present territories of the British Government by the Government of Italy concerning the Balearic Islands and cites Mr. Anthony Eden's account of the giving of assurance which, he pointed out, were verbal.

"His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires in Rome, acting on instructions, informed the Italian Foreign Minister on September 12 that any alteration of the status quo in the Western Mediterranean would be a matter of the closest concern to His Majesty's Government. He stated that the taking note of this communication, the Italian Foreign Minister had assured Mr. Ingram that the Italian Government had not either before or since the revolution in Spain engaged in any negotiations with General Franco whereby the status quo in the Western Mediterranean would be altered, nor would it engage in any such negotiations in the future.

This assurance, the Secretary of State added, was subsequently reaffirmed spontaneously to the British Navy Attaché in Rome by the Italian Ministry of Marine, and the Italian Ambassador in London had on several occasions given to the Secretary of State similar verbal assurances."

Sir Eric Drummond's note then proceeds: "In view of these assurances His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom assumes that so far as Italy is concerned the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and undisturbed. It would, however, be grateful if Your Excellency saw your way formally to confirm the accuracy of this assumption and I have accordingly the honour to enquire whether your Excellency could supply me with such confirmation."

Count Ciano's note, after recapitulating the verbal assurances as recalled by the Ambassador, reads: "I have consequently no difficulty on behalf of the Royal Italian Government in confirming accuracy of His Majesty's Government's assumption, namely, that so far as Italy is concerned the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and undisturbed."—*British Wireless*.

## Pact Welcome

London, Jan. 3.

According to news reaching London, the announcement of the signature in Rome yesterday of the Italian and British declaration of the Mediterranean position has been welcomed in all parts of Europe.

The French Foreign Minister, to whom the substance of the agreement was communicated yesterday through the British Embassy in Paris, later made a public statement in which he expressed the delight of the French Government, and associated with the effort for conciliation and peace embodied in the declaration.—*British Wireless*.

SPAIN DEFIES GERMAN  
THREAT

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ed to the detained portion of the cargo of the steamer Palos, seized by Spanish patrol boats last week.—*Reuter Special*.

## Spanish Reply

Madrid, Dec. 3.

An authoritative statement has been issued in Bilbao in reply to German allegations that a German subject had been shot after a mock trial. It states that a German named Guedde, made prisoner at the front on October 5, admitted having served with volunteers with the Nationalist army. He was condemned to death.

At the same time ten other accused, including a German named Eupel and a Swiss named Kohnmann, were sentenced to life imprisonment charged with participating in a military rebellion.—*Reuter Special*.

## Aragon Still Held

Berlin, Jan. 3.

The Spanish steamer Aragon, seized by a German warship last week, will not be released until the cargo of the German ship Palos and the passenger carried on that vessel are released by the Spanish Lletia according to a communiqué issued by the German News Agency to-day.

In the meantime the entire German press continues to voice the greatest indignation at the alleged anti-German acts committed by the Government forces in Spain and calls for more stringent reprisals against them by the German Government.—*Reuter*.

## Coast Defences

Bilbao, Jan. 4.

The Bilbao Government has announced that it is installing long range coast defence guns and is preparing "for any eventuality."

It is holding the first firing tests on Monday and has warned fishing boats to remain outside the 15-mile limit of Bilbao and Santona.—*United Press*.

Millionaire Lover Pursues  
Dancer

GLAMOROUS LOLITA CORDOBA, with huge black eyes, has gone to London from Mexico to escape from an American millionaire who is madly in love with her but whom she does not love.

She has run away from him, but love knows no boundary and he is on his way to Britain.

Lolita, feeling rather nervous at being pursued, and suffering from a not too pleasant crossing, was in bed when a newspaper representative saw her at the Savoy Hotel.

A sigh came from her. "I do not love him. I cannot marry him."

Her eyes lit up and her voice became soft. "I am in love with an Englishman, and he is in love with me. I do not want to divulge his name, but he belongs to an aristocratic family. Some day we will marry."

"He is not a millionaire, but he has a heart of gold, and always does the right thing."

"He sent me those lovely roses. The American would have sent me something out of the ordinary, something queer which would not have given me anything like the pleasure the roses did."

## Wants To Settle Down

Lolita, who is well known on the American stage, screen and radio, expects to make a film over here.

She has won fame as a Spanish dancer, but she says she is tired of the stage.

"I want to give it up, to settle down with my Englishman, to have children, and lead a quiet life."

"First, though, I want to make a 'hit' in London. I feel I owe that to myself. Then I will gladly marry my Englishman and give up the stage for ever."

Another  
Kind  
Of Time

## HOW LIFE MOVES

Mankind is already blessed with many kinds of time, sidereal time, summer time, and space time—and Professor Milne, of Oxford, has lately told us that atoms and stars keep a different kind of time from the normal pendulum clock.

Now a French scientist, M. Lecomte de Nouy, has determined to add to the fun by announcing that there is yet another kind of time—"biological time"—the time which our bodies keep.

M. de Nouy has assisted Dr. Alexis Carrel at the Rockefeller Institute in his remarkable experiments on "tissue culture"—the growth and maintenance of healthy tissues outside the body—and is now working at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. His views on time are put forward in "Biological Time," published by Methuen, London, at 7s. 6d.

His theory is based on his main experimental achievement, the reduction of the healing of wounds to mathematical formula—depending on the size of the wound, the age of the patient, and (with cold-blooded animals) on the surrounding temperature.

A "correction," as might be expected, has to be introduced to account for the rapid healing of long, narrow wounds in proportion to their size. Otherwise, it appears, the equations "work." The bigger the wound, the more rapidly, in proportion, it heals. And age acts as a progressive brake on the rate of healing.

## A TEST

In one remarkable case, M. de Nouy was even able to diagnose the age of a patient and the shape of his wound, merely by applying his calculations to figures supplied him by post by the attending doctor.

Beyond that, M. de Nouy points out that life moves more slowly for a child than it does for a man, and for a young man than for an old one. Quantitatively, he suggests, that what matters is not the duration of time as measured by a clock, but the proportion of that interval to the total of experience already lived through. Thus, for a child of ten, a year's interval is one-tenth of his previous length of life, and equivalent to a two years' interval for a man of twenty, or four years for a man of forty.

A time-scale based on this theory conveniently coincides, as near as may be, with a similar time-scale based on the healing of wounds.

That is M. de Nouy's "Biological Time." It may, or may not, attain to permanence as a philosophical conception. It is certainly illustrative of the increasing emphasis which is now being placed on biological research and processes.

And as an intellectual pastime the reading of his book is to be recommended.

Horse Brings News  
Of SuicideNote Tied To Empty  
Saddle

New York, Dec. 18.

Grieved by the death of a woman friend, Reserve Lieutenant William L. Carson, aged 25, killed himself under unusual circumstances.

He rode to a lonely spot on the artillery range at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he had been stationed for a course of training. Drawing a rough map, he put it in a despatch bag tied to the empty saddle of his horse. Then after starting the horse back to the stable he killed himself.

A note with the map asked a fellow officer to see that his body was cremated and the ashes scattered over the grave of his woman friend who died ten days ago.

KRUPPS TO BUILD  
NILE BRIDGE

Cairo, December 18.

KRUPPS, German arms and steel manufacturers, have been awarded a contract to build the Semennud Bridge across the River Nile.

Their tender, £151,293, was the lowest of ten submitted. Dorman Long, with £171,796, made the lowest British tender.—*Reuter*.

Semennud is a town on the Damietta arm of the Nile delta, 80 miles north of Cairo.

NEW YORK  
MARKET  
UNEASYLABOUR TANGLE IS  
ONE FACTOR

New York, Jan. 2.

Prices were lower on the New York Stock Exchange to-day.

The labour news continued to disconcert the market while the new developments in the Spanish situation were construed bearishly.

There is also considerable nervousness over the approaching legislation in the new session of Congress, and uncertainty regarding the trend of the commodity markets.

The Bond Market was irregular and issues on the Curb Exchange were lower.

DOW-JONES AVERAGE			
Dec. 31, Jan. 2, Change			
Industrials	179.00	178.52	Off 1.38
Rails	53.00	52.28	Off .72
Utilities	34.83	34.60	Off .23
Bonds	105.58	105.50	Off .08
Volume	—	690,000	shares.—United Press.

EUROPEAN'S LOSS  
OF MONEYWALLET LOST OR  
STOLEN

The loss, on New Year night, of approximately \$400 in currency, was reported at the Teim Shin Tsui Police Station by Mr. P. S. Robertson, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Passenger Department.

The currency, contained in a blue leather wallet, was lost between the Hongkong Hotel and the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, between the hours of 9 and 10.30 p.m. It is not known whether the wallet accidentally dropped from the pocket, or was stolen in the jostling of the crowd on the Star Ferry.

Two Dead  
Rulers  
On Radio

Vienna, Dec. 20.

VOICES of two dead Emperors were heard throughout Austria to-day.

Old gramophone records and the official Austrian radio combined in a public piece of propaganda for the restoration of the Hapsburgs.

To-day is the anniversary of the accession of the Emperor Francis Joseph to the Austro-Hungarian throne in 1848.

Tragic sentences in the feeble voice of a old man . . . it is 1915 now and old Francis Joseph, still on the throne, is expressing approval of an army victory.

Six sentences in a firmer, younger voice . . . 1918 . . . the old man is dead and his nephew, the Emperor Charles is urging his troops to victory.

The old imperial anthem floats through the air . . . 1938 . . . Charles, who abdicated after the war, died in exile in 1921, but his son, Otto, is pretender to the throne.

ITALIAN TROOPS  
LANDED

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Madrid to Valencia, the seat of the Spanish Government, to which the British Embassy has been withdrawn from the capital. The Vice-Consul remains in Madrid meantime.—*British Wireless*.

## ENTRAIN FOR SEVILLE

Gibraltar, Jan. 4.

It is reliably stated that 9,000 Italians, wearing the uniform of the Italian army, have disembarked at Cadiz during the past 48 hours and have entrained for Seville.—*United Press*.

## TROPEDO WORKS BURNS

London, Jan. 4.

The Exchange Telegraph's Seville correspondent cables that fire has destroyed a torpedo factory near Barcelona, killing 120. A series of explosions hampered the rescuers' efforts.—*United Press*.

## MALAGA BOMBED

Valencia, Jan. 4.

It is learned here that late Saturday the rebels delivered the most vicious raid of the southern front's experience since the rebel machine-guns dropping incendiary bombs on Malaga.

Many of the bombs fell in the thickly-populated "Old Town," and thus far 14 bodies have been recovered. Many more are believed to remain in the smouldering ruins.—*United Press*.

## MADRID BOMBARDED

Madrid, Jan. 4.

Rebel artillery dropped six shells near the Telephone Exchange Building to-day. One struck a house in the Fuera del Sol and shrapnel killed a man and woman who were strolling along the street. Falling debris killed a young girl.

The Government has announced that most fronts are quiet, indicating that the rebels have possibly withdrawn their forces in order to concentrate at Cordova, where there is fierce fighting.—*United Press*.

## REBELS CLAIM GAINS

Gibraltar, Jan. 4.

General Del Lano, the insurgent veteran, has announced that rebel troops have broken through the loyalist lines at Madrid, capturing the Villa Franco de la Casilla and several villages, including Sasarola, Casa del Guardia.

It is estimated that more than 1,000 Loyalists died in the recent fighting in South Spain.

It is also claimed that rebel bombers have destroyed the Murcia Powder Factory and that insurgents shot down two Loyalist planes which attempted to bomb Cordova.—*United Press*.

CIRCUS COMES  
TO TOWNFIVE ELEPHANTS  
INCLUDED

A large crowd gathered at the Steamboat Company's wharf in Connaught Road this morning to watch the unloading from the B. and S. steamer Hupel of R. Bell's Circus which arrived from Tientsin.

Strangely enough, despite the fact that all the animals, including five elephants, were "brought" by deck, the circus was not the least difficult in getting them either on or off the ship. A gangway was prepared from the hold to the deck and from the deck to the wharf and on each occasion the elephants and horses behaved very well and walked calmly off the vessels.

The circus lost a number of animals during their trip north, the weaner at Tientsin being particularly sad and enacting the animals considerably. During the trip, too, one of the performing parrots died.

The largest elephant one night during the trip broke loose but did no harm except to discover the hay supply and distribute it lavishly among his relatives leaving the horses with a not over-pleasant supply.

UNIVERSAL FILM  
POLICYBRANCH OPENED IN  
HONGKONG

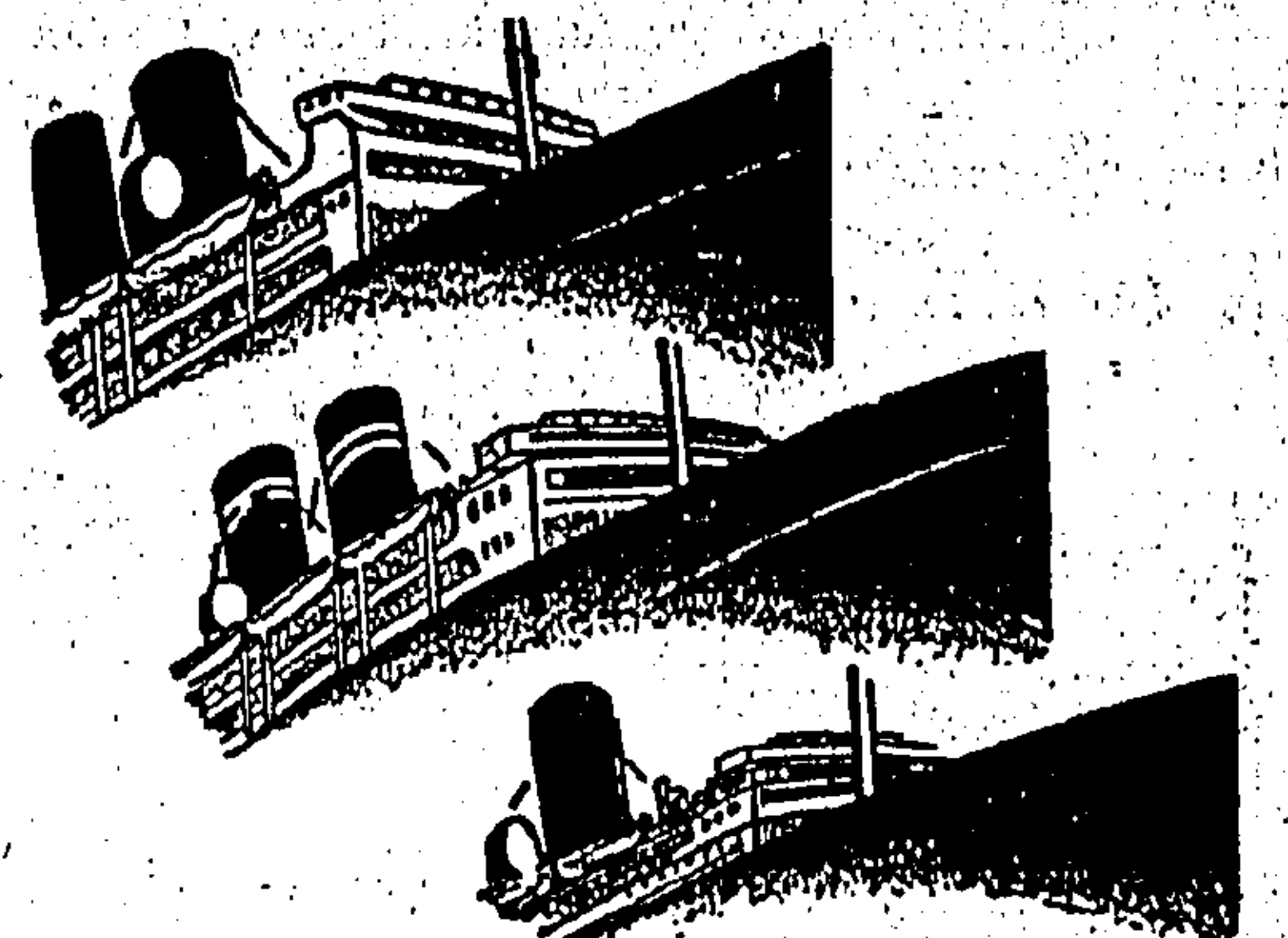
With the arrival in Hongkong of Mr. B. W. Palmer, a new policy of film distribution is being adopted by the Universal Pictures Corporation in South China.

Mr. Palmer has opened a South China branch of the Corporation in Hongkong, superseding the agency formerly held by Mr. C. L. Chung, who goes to Shanghai.

Fruits of the new policy are seen in the screening this week at three theatres—the Queen's, Alhambra and Star—of the Universal film "My Man Godfrey," picked as one of the best films of 1936. It will be followed by others of equal merit.

SEAFORTHIS DUE  
ON WEDNESDAY

Owing to bad weather experienced between here and Singapore, the transport Lancashire which is bringing the 1st Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders here from Egypt and taking the East Lancashire Regiment from Hongkong to Ambala, India, will not arrive to-morrow. She expects to tie up at Kowloon wharf at 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

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CORFU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
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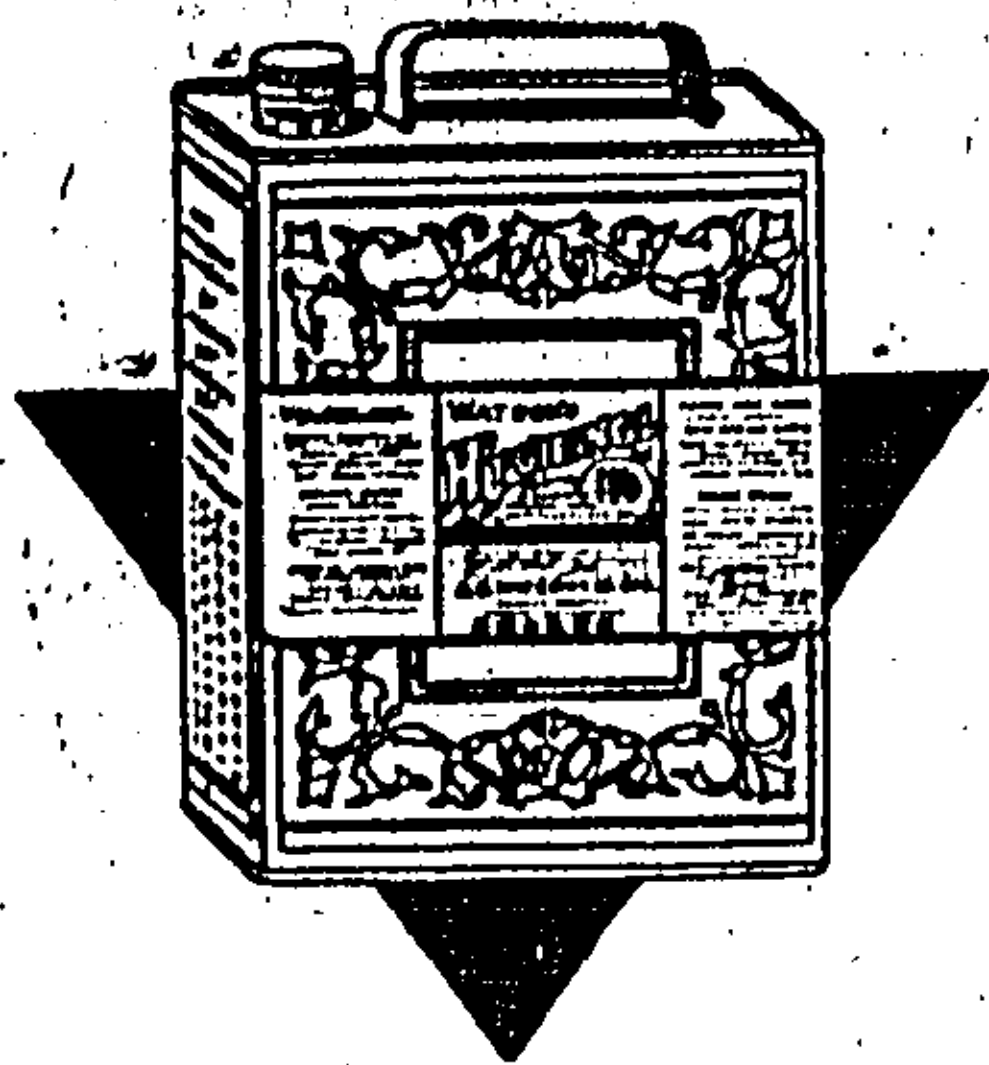
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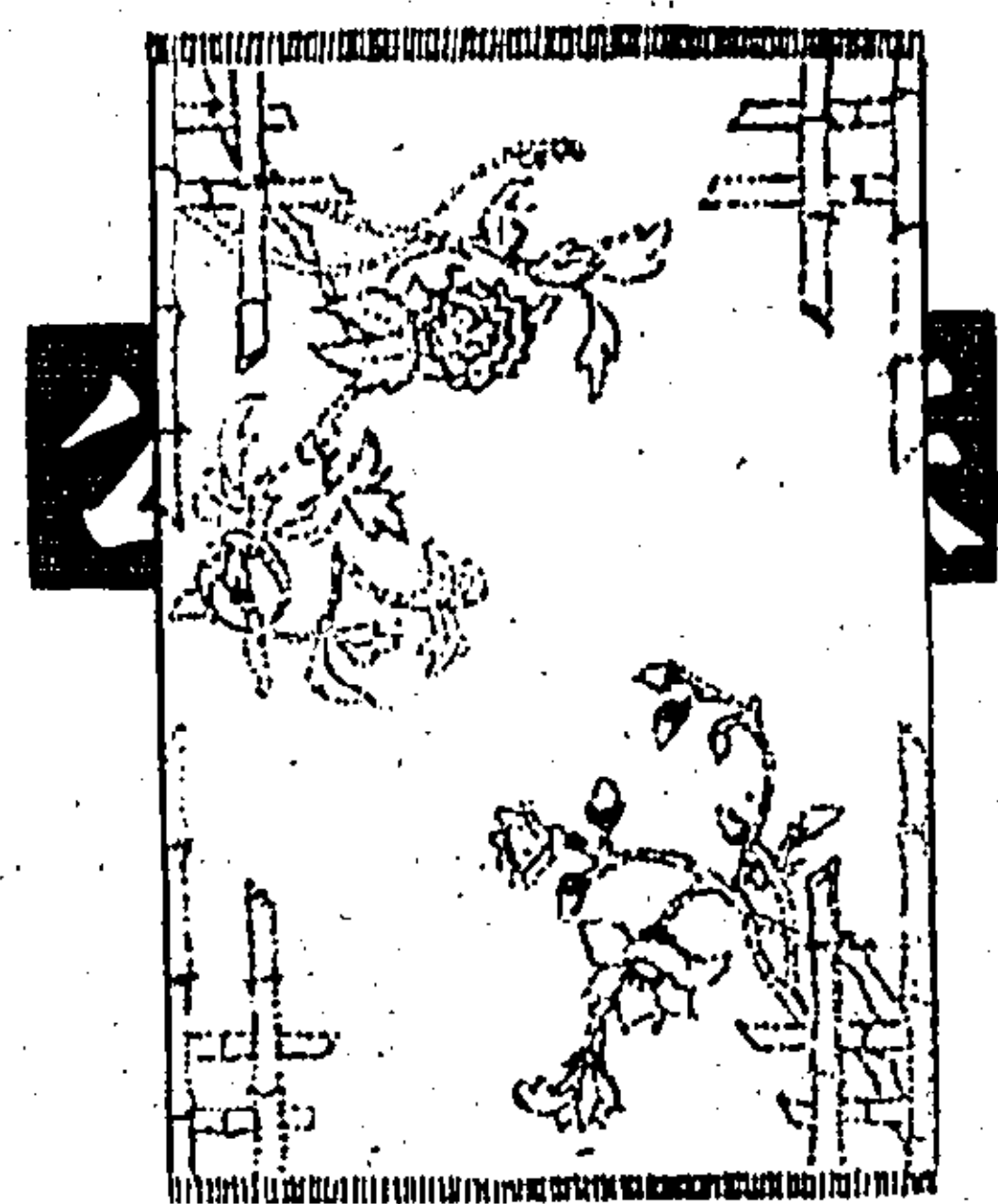
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**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1937.

## EASTERN EUROPE DANGERS

The civil war in Spain, with all its possible repercussions, has so concentrated attention on Western Europe that the situation in Eastern Europe has latterly escaped widespread notice. In particular, the full implications of the understandings concluded with Russia by France on the one hand and Czechoslovakia on the other have not been generally recognised. The latter pact, which is said to be directed against Germany and Hungary alike, has been described by a British commentator as the plague-carrier of European politics. Of itself, the Franco-Russian understanding could not have worked, since the frontiers of Germany and Russia would have remained widely divided by intervening countries. All this has been changed by the agreement reached between the Soviet and Czechoslovakia, which, it is pointed out, will enable Russian air-power to be carried into Germany's vitals. What is Britain's attitude to these developments? According to Mr. J. L. Garvin, one of the most balanced writers of the day, our duty is to keep out of the whole of this business, and, as far as in us lies, not to allow it to become the cause of war in Western Europe. "Nothing on earth," says Mr. Garvin, "will induce the British people to mobilise against Germany in that cause. Our plain and sane policy in this world about us is one of maximum of armaments and minimum of commitments. We should shun every entanglement in Eastern Europe." The opinion is further expressed that if we refuse to mix the two problems, there will be lasting peace in Western Europe, but not otherwise. There can be little doubt that British feeling in general is distinctly in favour of improving our relations with Germany, rather than to do anything which would create friction between the two nations. Our political ideologies may be totally at variance one with another, but that is no reason why we should not be able to work together for the preservation of peace. To use the words of Mr. Garvin, "another Anglo-German war from any cause would be a dark catastrophe; an unnecessary Anglo-German war, made by Britain for the sake of the Soviet Pact and Eastern Europe, would be a blunder and a crime past example." These words represent sober British opinion, and there is no reason for thinking that they do not also reflect the policy of the British Government.

# Has your wife got too much time on her hands?

**B**ECAUSE his loneliness is unbearable, 25-year-old Sidney Allcorn writes to the King to release his wife. Sentenced to death in July for the murder of her child, she was reprieved 23 hours later.

"All my life I had been lonely till we married," he says. "From the age of four to thirteen I was in an orphanage. Since then I have had only one real pal—Helen."

This is a rare and extreme case. For every man victim of the disease of loneliness there are 50 women.

Not only aged spinsters and girls "living on their own" suffer from it. They are by no means the largest class of sufferers.

The largest class are the wives, and this illness is beyond the range of doctors, but not, perhaps, of the sociologists, the men who are concerned with changes.

Loneliness provides a fine theme for sentimental writers for women; it is time to approach it scientifically.

**T**O begin with, it is impossible to say under our divorce laws how many divorces are the result of boredom, which the American cause for divorce "incompatibility of temperament," so adequately covers.

The sociologists believe, and every man who lives in a small flat knows, that the work of running a small flat by no means absorbs the energies of the average healthy woman.

No social expert has yet investigated what this means in terms of mental stress. We know, of course, that the change from the seven-roomed house to the three-roomed flat is, in part,

responsible for the declining birthrate.

**S**O, coupled with the fact that the woman in the flat has not enough work to occupy her time is the other fact leading to mental dissatisfaction—the childless marriage.

Thus, in a vast number of cases, women are faced with a period of leisure for which nothing in our social system has prepared them.

They do not know how to use it, nor can they be blamed for not knowing. How often does the retired man know what to do with himself?

The majority of wives between 20 and 30 come from homes where they were one of perhaps three or four or more children. They saw their mothers occupied in rearing a family with little time for morbid introspection, which is the result of loneliness. As they grew older, they helped in the business of running the family, or went out to work eight or nine hours a day.

**A**FTER marriage they find they have twelve hours a day to do necessary work needing, at most, three or four hours in a small flat.

Soon the novelty of marriage wears off, and the unaccustomed leisure becomes a drag. They really don't know what to do with themselves.

Those with whom money does not count find escape in lunching out, going to the cinema, joining one of the big libraries and reading themselves into a state of stupefaction. To the second and third-rate fictioneers they are a blessing.

**B**UT most of the victims of loneliness—and they provide divorce lawyers with a great proportion of their business—come from the middle classes.

The women of this class have, as a rule, enough money to keep them in moderate comfort. What little work is necessary at home can be done by one servant. Significantly this class also leads the field in the declining birthrate statistics.

They have few cares and no duties. They are easy targets for the germ of loneliness, because they are alone more hours than any class of society. Their husbands work longer hours than any other type of worker.

The suburban "at homes" and "bridge afternoons" did something to alleviate their loneliness. They were pathetic attempts at companionship, but the narrowness of their circle frequently failed them. How often do the newspapers report inexplicable suicides in this class?

**W**HAT makes this increasingly perilous is that this is the very class which is moving in large numbers into the big blocks of flats, not only in London, but in provincial cities.

In this type of flat there is no social life at all. Their occupants feel honour-bound not to know their neighbours.

Where privacy might be difficult, their guarding of it makes companionship and new friendships impossible.

It is well known that solitude, that is loneliness, breaks the spirit of the most rebellious prisoner. Can the psychologists estimate the effects of this peculiarly English disease on not only highly strung but also on normal healthy women?

**I**T is a disease peculiar to England. You do not find it in Scotland or in Wales or in France or in Germany.

The reticence and reserve which makes an English railway carriage like a school for the dumb does not exist in other countries.

In Wales and Scotland there is no sense of intrusion when one speaks to a stranger. Welsh people regard it as one of the oddities of London that a man does not know his neighbour. They talk of it as an English people might talk of the strange custom of some tribe lost in the wilds of Africa.

The Welsh avoid loneliness, though not consciously, by going to chapel not only on Sundays, but several times a week, joining dramatic societies, social guilds, and singing parties.

Continental women in the afternoon meet their friends in cafes, and talk for hours over a peach soaked in a glass of champagne.

**T**HE plain fact is that the English quality of reserve has ceased to be merely a quality that foreigners observed. It has become, under changing social conditions, a menace, that undermines Englishwomen's lives.

Maybe the problem will be solved not by the professors, but by the builders of the homes of the future.

Already some builders of modern flats incorporate in them swimming pools, squash and tennis courts. They do so for any sociological reason, but to make them more attractive.

When, instead of dozens of such blocks, there are thousands, the disease of loneliness may disappear by people, especially women, getting to know each other by playing together.

Until that happens you will still read, as I did not long ago, of a husband who said at the inquest on his wife, "I was away all day, and the loneliness got on her nerves."

The English are funny that way; they would rather die than risk a snub. So they won't talk.

**Emrys Jones**

## A VITAL MOVEMENT

### Oxford Groupers' "Changed Lives"

**T**HIS morning I received a letter from one of the leading figures of the Oxford Group movement. It was brimful of vitality and confidence, describing interviews the Groupers had arranged with political leaders in America and Holland. The vitality is, in fact, one of the most striking features of everything associated with the movement, and is one of the explanations of its extraordinary success in the last few years.

Founded in 1921 by Dr. Frank Buchman, a former Lutheran pastor in the United States, the Group is an association of Christians who bind themselves to live their lives according to the standards laid down in the New Testament. There are no rules or membership cards, people are either "in" or "out." Groupers are said to be "changed lives," and the leaders believe that if sufficient key people in each country can be "changed," the whole course of history can be altered, and the present international disorders wiped out by mutual understanding. The severest critics of the Group do not deny the truth of the "changed lives." When I was at Oxford leaders of the "fast set" underwent amazing transformations after being brought into contact with Groupers. Some of them had to stand a great deal of ridicule from former associates, but they stuck to their guns, and made fresh converts of their own.

### Quiet Times

As perfect honesty is prescribed for Groupers, great importance is attached to "Quiet Times," which are held at all private gatherings of members. "Quiet Time" is the name given to a short period of silence, during which those taking part in a meeting sit with pencil and paper before them, ready to jot down any "guidance" for future actions, which comes to them. After the leader has said a short prayer, these thoughts are "shared"—each individual reading out what has been written. There is an extraordinary friendliness about these meetings, and the shyest individuals are soon made to feel at home. The Group leaders are strangely assorted. Dr. Buchman himself looks like a successful business man, with his quiet, neat clothes, inclusive voice, and alert eyes, which are continually searching the faces of those around him. When I last saw him he was driving to a Royal garden party, and was the details of the next

day's programme, and smoothing out problems brought to him by his assistants, all at one and the same time. He is never ruffled, and has a strong objection to anything in the nature of hysteria at private or public meetings.

There is nothing of the typical evangelist about him, and his mind is essentially practical and realistic. Among his chief lieutenants are ex-officers, Oxford and Cambridge graduates, an ex-Fleet Street editor, a former Communist organiser from East Fife, and a young novelist.

### All Classes

Group converts have told me how much better they felt after standing

up at one of the meetings and confessing their failures in the past, and their new resolve to maintain the Group standards.

Many people are introduced to the movement at what are called "house parties." These parties consist of a series of meetings held in one room, attended by members and their friends, who are introduced to "quiet times." The house parties have so far been very successful, and a noteworthy feature is their excellent organisation. Usually several big hotels are booked in towns where house parties are held, but in University towns it has become the practice to hire some of the colleges.

At the last house party I attended there was an extraordinary assortment of classes and professions. Anglican bishops rubbed shoulders with Trade Union leaders, Communist orators, politicians, jour-

## PLAYING THE GAME

**P**ROFICIENCY in sport appears to be the open sesame to success in business, especially in banking, insurance, and large commercial houses. Time after time a junior who is a good golfer or a rugby player is selected for advancement before those of his colleagues who, equally clever at their work, prefer a hobby that does not bring them before the crowd.

Not only does the "sporty" worker benefit in advancement. Innumerable able, hardworking and odd hours off come his way, while those left in the office or shop have to overtake his work. It is fair that the man who pursues a hobby such as stamping, fishing, or bowls, should suffer financially in social prestige. In time off duty, and advancement in his work, because he does not enjoy the sports that are popular with his superiors? He is no "rabbit"; his particular form of recreation or sport is perhaps just as strenuous as, or more so than, that of the socially important ones, and, in addition, he is probably more of a sportsman, in that he is wholly disinterested as regards the rewards of his hobby. He seeks pleasure, a change from work, and the game for its own sake.

The boss, of course, supports his interest on the score of esprit de

corps; the keeping up of the clan spirit in his business or office, in order that his workers will consider their firm the best, and foster its interests because they are of one brotherhood in "playing the game." In practice is this so? I venture to suggest it is not. Those who are specially favoured soon come to look upon their privileges as rights, and further, being favoured, and applauded for their prowess in sport, soon forget that they receive their weekly wages for doing a certain job of work. Their work is often scamped, but a blind eye is turned to this falling because of their abilities on the field.

On the other hand, the man who pursues his own private hobby soon becomes disgruntled. In doing his job to the best of his ability and for the good of the firm he receives no encouragement; plainly he is shown that he is not popular because he goes his own way outside business hours, and so his work, too, is bound to suffer.

By all means let us play the game in the proper sense of the expression. Do not let it interfere with business. The popularity of sport increases daily, but he is a wise business man who is strong enough to keep it in its place, and that is, both in practice and effect, outside business hours.

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alists, industrialists, officers of the three fighting Services, and unemployed men from the special areas. There was no attempt to grade or sectionalise different interests, and in practice there were no difficulties, this strange medley of people living together in perfect harmony.

In recent years the groups have spread all over the world, and there are strong sections in Canada, Switzerland, the United States, and Germany. The recent drive through the Scandinavian countries was voted a success, and certainly aroused enormous interest. The Group numbers in its ranks to-day leaders of public life in a dozen important countries. There is hardly an important town in Europe where there is not at least one group of people meeting daily for a "quiet time" together. I have met groupers in most unexpected places. On my last visit to Berlin I called on a Groupier who is a member of Hitler's personal bodyguard.

Can the Oxford Group really change lives? The answer is to be found in seeing its members, many of whom were jaded and unhappy people a few years ago, and are to-day brimful of energy, with that self-confidence that comes from a full and enjoyable life.

### Friendly Atmosphere

There are many prominent figures both inside and outside the Church who have severely condemned the Oxford Group for its lack of "dignity," and its use of the most modern advertising devices, but on meeting these people one misses the friendliness that emanates from the "life-changers."

Psychologists have explained the success of the Group with wordy dissertations on repressions and inferiority complexes, but neither they nor any of the other critics offer a practical cure for individual misery and unsatisfied longings, which is just what the Groupers do.

The sins described by converts to Group principles at the private meetings are much less sensational than outsiders often imagine. Often petty acts of dishonesty are described, soon to be rectified. One man I know paid the income-tax authorities a large sum he had illegally withheld over a period of years, but it was a rare case.

For the vast majority of people are not secret law-breakers or sinful liars. Their problems are chiefly concerned with their answers to great personal questions. And the Group claims to have the right answers.

John Brown







# Ulster Rifles Take Over The Leadership While Champions Continue To Fall Away

## ATHLETIC SET A HOT PACE, THEN FALL AWAY BADLY Rifles Masterly In Defence

(By "Veritas")

**ATHLETIC** (McConnell, own goal) 1 **Ulster Rifles** (Moore, Miller) 2

ROYAL Ulster Rifles resume leadership of the first division as a result of yesterday's victory over the Athletic at Caroline Hill, but they have still got to make a lot of improvement before their supporters can subscribe confidently to the belief that they will win the championship.

They survived a worrying time in the first half, but emerging through the ordeal successfully, and confidence in them and they were very much on top during the closing stages of a game which seldom rose above mediocrity, either in performance or as an entertainment.

There were some noticeable weaknesses in the Rifles outfit. One was Killen on the left wing; another Moore at inside right; and a third Miller at left half (though his performance was an exception and not the rule). Ferguson didn't get a chance. That's not strictly true. Just two minutes before the end he was able to snap up one of his favourite passes and straight through he went to miss the upright by inches with the goalkeeper well beaten.

### OWED MUCH TO DEFENCE

What the Rifles owed to their defence and to Campbell probably only the players themselves can fully appreciate. Campbell performed prodigious feats of ground coverage, interceptions, and ball distribution. The latter feature was not always the best. Once again he noticed that insistence upon kicking with his foot turned; the mathematics of the game will tell you that nine times out of ten the ball will be lifted off the ground. It's not the best way to hand our passes to opponent forwards. Campbell's tenacity of purpose. On a heavy ground I could imagine Campbell as a second Podmore.

Another half back to catch the eye was McConnell. He was up against what is undoubtedly one of the nippest, surest kicking left wingers in the Colony. Interceptor selectors might take note of Cheong Moon-wing. At least he is worth shuffling up. Cheong, when he could get clear, was the chief threat to the Rifles' goal. This was especially so in the first half, during which period McConnell was gradually slicing him up and making himself familiar with Cheong's little tricks.

As for Pickering and Stevens, they were magnificent, playing together in such harmony that only once were they taken unawares. The result was a goal. Pickering was particularly to the forefront with his dashing tactics, and his useful distribution of the ball after working it out of the danger zone. While the Rifles have these two backs and Campbell at centre-half, they will never concede many goals.

### SLAP-DASH FORWARDS

The team as a whole played with fine spirit, spirit rather by inaccuracies. There was a touch of the slap-dash about the forward line which against a more determined defence would never have the red line they did yesterday. If the Rifles are to retain the premiership there will have to be more thoughtful operation by the attack. Banging the ball ahead and racing after it is okay as tactics, given certain conditions and against certain opposition, but when these methods degenerate into common and garden ballooning of the ball with the inside forwards given practically no chance of getting the ball under control without loss of valuable time, then it is necessary to supplement such tactics with more scientific touches.

For 20 minutes in this match the Athletic played that type of football that is known to the Chinese and which always stamps them as knowledgeable and astute players. Diagonal passes straight to the player, were despatched from middle to right or left flank in alternating succession, so that the opposition never really knew what next to expect. The result was four corners in as many minutes and eventually a goal, well deserved, though a trifle fortunate in its performance.

### THEY LOST THEIR FIRE

Yet once the Rifles had equalised, all the fire seemed to die out of the Chinese game. The attack, previously so scintillating, became a one or two-man show, and where, before they played for goal first time and on the mark, they later hesitated, turned back, out-maneuvred themselves for favourable positions, and if eventually they did make a shot, were yards on the target.

This transformation had its effect on the rest lines, where Lo Wai-man and Wong Suk-ping, though kicking lustily, did not cover each other particularly well, and were prone to crowd each other. A third contribution to the sad decline of a very promising team was the inability of the wingers to keep the opposing forwards in check. Lo Wai-kuen didn't seem to be able to interpret Irwin's next move, though the Rifles' right winger played fairly straight-forward football and always went in the same direction so that he could centre with his right foot.

But though the Chinese half backs were not all to be desired in their defensive measures, these were decidedly superior to their offensive efforts. They kicked high and wildly after those first encouraging 20 minutes, and their contribution to a cohesive and penetrating attack was virtually nil.

Man Sang-ki and Ng Tak-wing were the best of the intermediaries, and certainly worked hard, though not with any great enterprise. Cheong Moon-wing was the outstanding forward when given a chance. Tang Kwong-sum on the other wing (Continued on Page 4.)

### Clubhouse Chatter

## TAKING A FIRST GLANCE AT THE INTERPORT PROSPECTS

### Rules Will Be Strictly Enforced: What Of Lee Wai-Tong?

By "Veritas"

GRADUALLY, but perceptibly, interest in the forthcoming football Interport between Hongkong and Shanghai imposing itself upon followers of the game in the various clubhouses of the Colony. This interest was amplified by the announcement last week of the provisional programme for next February, and the formation of the various sub-committees to deal with the hundred and one details which are part and parcel of this important sporting festival. That J. McKelvie, C. G. Warren and Dr. Wong To have been chosen to nominate the Colony trial teams and finally the side to represent Hongkong, is excellent news. Firstly because each is representative of very important sections of football in Hongkong—Mr. McKelvie the civilian teams, Mr. Warren the Services clubs and Dr. Wong the Chinese, and secondly because each possesses vast knowledge of our players as well as the game in general. They may rest assured they enjoy the confidence of all Hongkong followers of football, and can look forward to

all support necessary in their important task.

### No Canton Residents To Play For Colony

ONE of the first things I made enquiries about the other day was whether the selection committee would strictly observe the rules of the Interport competition which forbids Canton residential players from participating, or whether they would work at the rule and stretch its interpretation to permit players such as Fung King-cheung, Li Tin-sang, Tam Kong-pak and Ip Pak-wa to appear in the Colony team. To me it came as a distinct relief to hear that the committee will apply the rules of the competition in their strictest form. In other words, Fung, Tam, Li and Ip, among others, are definitely barred from inclusion in the team. This decision at least puts us on all fours with Shanghai, though it means that at least two players who would normally walk into the Colony eleven cannot play. I refer to Li Tin-sang and Fung King-cheung. Li still remains incomparably the best right back in Colony football, and Fung King-cheung has only one equal as centre-forward—Lee Wai-tong. But I think footballers generally will heartily endorse the committee's decision to follow out the rules of the competition, and though we all very much regret the enforced exclusion of Fung and Li, one can only say that the committee will feel that the committee has done the right thing.

### Beltrao And Gosano Indispensable

THOUGH advertised and played as a charity match, there was a secondary motive behind the New Year's Day match between South China A.A. and the Rest of the Colony. It was an unofficial Interport trial, and I believe members of the selection committee derived a lot of satisfactory information from it. If the lessons of the game are to mean anything I should imagine two of the most important are that A. V. Gosano and N. Beltrao are an undivided team. The thing which impressed me chiefly about Beltrao was his canny positional play which often left him in undisputed possession of the ball when one of the opposition thought he had cleared it to his own forwards. This is a ball mark of good centre-half play, and for this quality alone Beltrao deserves his place against Shanghai. Additionally he is a fine tackler, and knows precisely where and when to dispose of the ball. To say that Gosano played a typical game at left back last Friday is rather to understate the case. The most remarkable thing about his work was that it touched peak standard under difficult and depressing conditions. There was no surer foot on the field than Gosano's, and the manner in which he smothered Lee Wai-tong, who can usually give the Scarlet Pimpernel points in elusiveness, was masterly in its preparation.

ON the face of things I don't think the selectors are going to have much difficulty in choosing the defence, though many will regret that Swain is not available. The goalkeeper position seems to rest between Rowlands and Pau Ka-ping, and honestly I don't think it matters two hoots which is chosen, for there is practically nothing to argue about concerning their respective merits. If anything, I think Rowlands has surer hands than Pau, though his general technique is not quite so polished. Gosano and Beltrao should be certain, and it is hard to see how Leung Wing-chu can be left out of the intermediate line. The constitution of the attack offers far greater problems, and one which cannot be fairly tackled at this stage. But I did hear one prominent official observe recently that it would be a fine thing if Lee Wai-tong would turn out at centre-forward. I'm certainly inclined to agree. Lee may have lost a great deal of his old dash and stamina, but his very presence in the attack would lend it a morale which might well mean the difference between a lively and match-winning offence and a listless, nervous, hesitant forward line. And, let it be remembered, Lee still possesses shots with both feet second to none in the Far East for their deadly accuracy and amazing power. I'd like to think

both selectors and player were giving serious thought to the possibility of Lee Wai-tong's inclusion in the team. Wilson looks a very likely candidate for the inside left berth, but some considerable thought may be necessary concerning the two wings. At the moment Beltrao appears to be the most eligible for the left flank, but it maybe the Senforth Highlander can help out even in this position. I am not frightfully enamoured with the idea of either Tai Kwai-shing or Irwin on the right wing, though both have very real claims. Then so has Tong Kwong-sum, and possibly Fowler. But at the moment Colony football is not strikingly endowed with right or left wingers, and if the Senforths can fill a breach it will be very warmly welcomed. Fortunately they arrive this week, and will therefore be eligible if any are wanted.

## Vanished Soccer Star In Village Side

Biggleswade ( Beds ), Dec. 14. Tom Morrison, seven-month-vanished ex-Sunderland Football Club and Scottish International back, who was arrested in Cambridge on Saturday, has helped a Cambridge village football team to have its best season for years.

Morrison left Sunderland last May. He arrived at Gamlingay—he was unknown to the villagers—and joined the pea-pickers.

When the pea season was over he took a job with a firm of apple growers nearby.

The football season approached. Morrison joined the village lads in their nightly kikkaboo.

He showed promise. Gamlingay asked him to play in their reserve team. After the first match he was promoted to Gamlingay's first team in the Cambridgeshire League.

He did well. So did the club. Last week they won 8-1 away.

When Morrison was accused at Sunderland yesterday of leaving his wife and family chargeable to the Public Assistance Committee, Mr. Lionel Wolfe, director of Sunderland Football Club, gave an undertaking that £10 paid in relief would be refunded.

The case was withdrawn.

A. P. ("Tich") Freeman has accepted an engagement as professional to Walsall Cricket Club, which competes in the Birmingham and District League.

Since his break with Kent an effort has been made to induce him to enter League cricket. When negotiations between Walsall and an Australian player broke down, the club approached Freeman.

### Our Daily Golf Hint

In approach shots, it will help the player to retain more control over the shot if he holds the club rather lower down than he would do, say in the case of the iron.

C. A. Whitcombe.

### HOCKEY

## MACAO AGAIN TRIUMPH

### Hongkong XI Thrashed

(By Our Own Correspondent)

MACAO, Jan. 3. Brilliant hockey was witnessed by large crowds in Macao this afternoon when the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade Royal Artillery, captained by Tara Singh, engaged the formidable Macao Hockey Club, captained by Laertes Costa. In a friendly encounter, the visitors suffered a crushing defeat by eight goals to two, Macao thus continuing its winning vein and maintaining its enviable record of not having lost a single match on its own ground.

Play was extremely brisk from the outset, and only two minutes from bull-off the local side opened the score after a fine dash by the Macao forwards and a neat shot by P. Angelo. A second raid of the Artillery goal zone which immediately followed, saw Rosario, inside left, register the second goal from close range.

The pace was maintained by swift inter-passing, and the visitors' forward line made frequent onslaughts on the Macao goal. So alert was the home defence, however, that every attempt to score was ably frustrated. Some fifteen minutes later, the Macao quintette broke through the opposition, and, clutching Backman Singh, right back, Rosario scored a third goal.

### QUICK AND CLEVER GOALS

ON resumption, the persistent moves by the Macao forwards in enemy territory led the Artillery defence a merry dance. Awarded a short corner, the home team went further ahead with a fourth goal by Costa, left half, after five minutes. Another two minutes passed, and Rosario showed his glibly when, taking a quick pass from P. Angelo, he put through a fifth goal.

Ten minutes later the visitors succeeded in breaking clear of the opposing defence. Tara Singh, at centre, led the vigorous attack which enabled Khuda Bux, inside left, to score from close quarters.

After five minutes Macao replied with another goal, this being a splendid solo effort by P. Angelo. Eventually the Artillery were rewarded with a second goal after a clever combination and a flashing shot by Kishan Singh.

Thereafter, Macao held the balance of the exchanges. F. Nolasco, right wing, carried the ball smartly from centre and scored with an angle shot from long range, while the last goal was a perfect shot by A. Angelo, left wing, who directed a high ball into the net.

The Macao team was undoubtedly at the top of its form. Individually and collectively, the players directed their movements with precision and absolute understanding. The defence led by Alex Alrosa at centre-half was magnificent.

The visitors' forward line lacked the speedy cohesion which featured (Continued on Page 4.)

## SAINTS DO THE TRICK

### BUT WERE LITTLE LUCKY

St. Joseph's 2 S. China "A" 1 (Leonard, Omar) (Lai Shui-wing)

South China "A" turned out a peculiar assortment of senior and junior players for yesterday's match against St. Joseph's at Soekunpoo, and because of the obvious absence of balance in the team, it was not completely surprising to see them lose. But a fairer result would have been a division of points.

Lee Wai-tong turned out for his second successive game in the course of three days, and with the Interport looming ahead, this appears to be significant. Lee was a brilliant trier, but almost completely without support. Lai Shui-wing alone understood Lee's moves. The rest of the attack was much too inadequate against a virile defence.

Big disappointment was Ho Ka-kuen, one-time star front line man of the erstwhile Athletic team. Ho, ponderous and unimaginative, could never adapt himself to the requirements of the game and appeared to be playing right out of his class of football.

Heavy responsibility was thrown on Wong Mee-shun, and the centre-half rose nobly to the occasion, being tireless in his covering of large tracks of ground, and constantly attentive, when given the opportunity, to the needs of his forwards. The Chinese defence was rather shaky, and clearly, this was made evident when he scored St. Joseph's first goal. He went through practically unchallenged.

This, of course, was not the real South China "A" team, but that cannot alter the fact that two immensely valuable points were conceded. The champions have now only a comparatively faint chance of retaining the title, as they have already dropped three more points than the Ulster Rifles who head the league table.

### WORKMANLIKE WINNERS

St. Joseph's played very workmanlike football, especially in defence. Jesta and Souza would allow Lee Wai-tong no rope, although even they allowed on occasions to slip him from getting home some of his most telling shots. Unhappily for Lee they were slightly off the mark.

St. Joseph's were seen to better advantage in the second half, and peppered Pau Ka-ping with good shots from all angles. Leonard and Fernandez were always prominent in these dramatic raids, and they often led the opposition completely fooled. Faulty skillful goalkeeper alone saved South China from a heavy deficit during the second half.

Nevertheless the deciding goal which came late in the game was far from satisfactory, the ball having apparently passed over the line when it was retrieved and sent back to Omar who shot easily past an astonished Pau. South China's vigorous protest was not sustained by the referee, who went so far as to consult his linesman.

The first half saw the teams score a goal apiece.

Leonard opened for the Saints after Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shui-wing and Wong Mee-shun had gone very close indeed for the champions. But St. Joseph's did not hold their lead for long. Lai Shui-wing putting his side on level terms with a dazzling shot from the wing. A truer indication of the run of play in this period would have been an odd goal lead for the Chinese.



The first and second elevens of the St. Joseph's Football Club, who compete in the local league, make a happy picture in one of the goals at Soekunpoo yesterday. (Photo: Mee Cheung)

## Wickets Tumble On Rain-Affected Pitches

### BOWLERS REAP RICH HARVESTS WHILE BATSMEN STRUGGLE

(By "Veritas")

### BOWLERS found themselves presented with paradise wickets on Saturday, and local cricket was just one long story of cheap dismissals. The New Year's Day downpour, succeeded by Saturday's brilliant sunshine and drying wind left grass wickets in a state which batsmen could only regard as a nightmare.

But the result was a lot of jolly, hearty cricket, with a thrill or two thrown in for good measure. Junior league players in particular went through some varying experiences.

One of the most remarkable games of the afternoon was at Soekunpoo where the Indian Recreation Club, where the Indian Recreation Club, after dismissal of Army "A" for a narrow defeat on stage four wickets were down for under ten runs, were themselves bowled out for 35.

Here Cpl. Apps, a medium to fast right hand-bowler, excelled himself, taking six wickets in the course of seven overs for a paltry 14 runs. In between watching the K.C.C. struggling for runs against the Army "C" on the adjoining field, I watched Apps at work. He certainly bowled an extraordinarily fine and consistent length, and he seemed to be making 'em swing quite a lot. But the dismissal of the later Indian batsmen was quite considerably due to rank nervous batting. The last three men merely made blind swipes at balls they should have played.

However, this performance by the Army "A" was very creditable. One pleasing aspect of it was the smart plucking of the winners. Two or three extremely good catches were made, and only one, I believe, put on the ground.

A. M. Rumliah, fighting well and breaking quite a lot, had the Army batsmen in two minds, and his 8 for 21 were worthy figures, though here again several batsmen contributed to their own downfall by executing rotten strokes. Incidentally, the runner in which Bar Banerjee (top scorer for the Army) was run out, was painful in the extreme. His partner hit one to square leg and straight to the fieldman, who was standing fairly close in. And the batsman ran! As far as I could see, Banerjee was out by "eleven" yards. An amazing piece of bad judgment.

### K.C.C. STRUGGLE THEN ELVIN WAS HIT FOR 20 IN FOUR BALLS

On the other side of the fence, Kowloon Cricket Club were struggling not only to maintain their unbeaten record but to try and snatch three points from Army "C". Eventually they succeeded in both objects, but not before they had suffered a few palpitating moments.

The visitors did quite well to dismiss the Army for 100, though the score should have been smaller. At one time the military side had lost seven wickets for some 40 runs. Then a timely partnership by Pte. Dickson (30) and Sgt. Hollis (23) put a different complexion on things. But in this case the batsmen were not up against a sticky wicket, the game being played on matting. Dand, however, had a nice varied attack at his disposal including W. C. Hung and F. Zimmerman, former senior league players. W. L. McKelvie, Dunne, and others, though the others were not called upon.

Zimmerman "fooled" out three batsmen, and was later hit about a bit, but McKelvie, who came on late, bowled very well for his three wickets at a cost of eight runs. Hung bowled better than his figures suggest (1 for 30), his first spell being exceptionally good. A dropped catch in his second over was an unlucky break for him, and it also proved a bit expensive.

With the K.C.C. enjoying batting strength down to No. 11, it seemed that the obtaining of 101 runs would be more child's play. Yet within three quarters of an hour half the side were out for 50, and Carter, who was bowling really well, slinging off the matting at bewildering paces, and maintaining an immaculate length, had the batsmen thoroughly on tenterhooks. The visitors were a little unfortunate to lose Baxter after he had scored a delightful 29, the general impression being that he had played the ball for which an lb.w. appeal was sustained. However, Rupert Baldwin, playing very adventurously, but enjoying the good favour of the gods, and better than any other time this season, moved the score along quickly. (Continued on Page 16.)



# NAVY'S DRAMATIC CRICKET DEFEAT

## ASTOUNDING COLLAPSE WITH EASY VICTORY IN SIGHT

### ALEC PEARCE GOES ON TO BOWL AND QUICKLY WRECKS HAVOC

(By R. Abbit)

It was difficult to realize when walking down on Saturday morning that Friday had been such an appalling day. Of course not a ball in the Club v. Navy Triangular Tournament match could be bowled, but some of us who took our livers out for a jog about 6 p.m. in the evening realized that the rain had stopped and that it was colder. There was hope for Saturday, but I certainly did not dream that such a beautiful day, sunny but cold, would come along.

The game of course became a one day affair and writing these preliminary lines just before it, I am wondering quite a lot how the wicket is going to play. I gather that Cochrane is on the sick-list and that Harper will take his place. Owing to the requirements of an office—it is appalling how work interferes with cricket—I did not arrive on the ground until 10.15 and just been bowled but the score had kindly made a few notes for me.

Hayward won the toss and elected to bat of which more hereafter. T. E. Pearce and Owen Hughes opened the innings and the batsmen did not find the wicket very difficult to start with. Fifteen runs had been scored when Owen Hughes failed to get hold of a very long hop from Harper and was caught at extra cover by Doucher. With nine added Pearce did not quite hit a long hop on the leg side from Tufnell and Forster ran from good to long leg, and made a very good catch. 24-10. Alec Pearce seemed comfortable enough but never settled down for Tufnell when the score was 27 and promptly bowled Neve with a beautiful ball. It was a wicket maiden and so was the next over, a fine ball coming back to bowl Ride who had gone out to it and then left it alone. It was at this time that I arrived on the ground.

The situation definitely called for a horse's neck and a slogger. MORE TROUBLE. Things were bad enough but when Forster, after a high long hop which Alec Pearce hooked for four, bowled another which kept low and the batsman was given l.b.w., (44-5-17), the situation from the point of view of the Club was desperate. It was the first over of Forster's I had seen, and as it included two long hops and two full tosses it was clearly a bad omen for his form in the first two overs. I had previously been told that the wicket though difficult was not impossible.

Worse was to come however as next over Boucher, who had kept the Law Courts, and going, bowled Stewart with a beautiful one which might have been smothered forward perhaps, but turned very quickly. He had been dropped at first slip off a hard chance only two balls before. The process continued. What looked like a fastish off break flicked McLellan's leg stump—it was perhaps on the short side. At this time the batsmen had completely given up the idea of scoring runs and three maidens had yielded two wickets. The best hit (to be Irish) was four byes, and Forster's occasional full tosses were guided to mid-off with the solemnity of a church-warden showing the squire into his pew.

Fifty went up as the result of an hour and fifteen minutes play. It was curious at this time that Boucher was bowling beautifully but had only one wicket while Forster was not very accurate but had got four. The run-

made a good catch. The Club were all out for 94 runs, extras being third top scorer with 13; it was a pretty poor performance.

THE NAVY ATTACK. Of the bowlers Boucher's 15.3-10-11-2 was the outstanding performance.

He was undoubtedly a great help to the other bowlers. Forster's figures were 7-4-8-4. He got three of his wickets with the three best balls, but was very inaccurate and against anything but spinless, butting his last two or three overs would have been punished. Harper got two wickets with long hops—(admittedly he slipped in delivering the second) while Tufnell's was a fine catch at long leg off a long hop on that side of the wicket. Seldom have I seen had bowling so rewarded and excellent bowling meet such bad luck!

THE NAVY BAT. Phillimore and Davies (Lieut.) opened to Holden at the Yard end and Owen Hughes. I had expected McLellan to be bowled, but perhaps Hayward was waiting for the effects of the roller to wear off.

In Holden's second over Phillimore glanced one to fine leg slowly but although the batsman danced a polka mazurka in the middle of the pitch for quite an appreciable time they managed to get home. Davies glanced a bad ball to fine leg for four and ten went up. The Club bowlers seemed at this time to be doing nothing with the pitch. They kept a length but in no way seemed dangerous. Holden's fourth over was a maiden but if he had had a silly mid-off (as Owen Hughes had) he would have got Davies. As it was Owen Hughes nearly got to it from second slip.

Four runs came from Owen Hughes' next over and then Holden bowled his third maiden. Davies played at one or two on the off but was lucky enough to miss them. Phillimore took a typical left hander's cover drive for four off Owen Hughes who was not bowling his best. Twenty was up and both batsmen looked as happy as possible.

THE BATSMEN, FLOURISH. McLellan then relieved Owen Hughes and Phillimore ran a quick single to cover who returned a very fast one which arrived half volley at the stumps and skidded away for a four over the top. Holden had stuck to it very well and at last Davies did touch one and Hayward had him behind the stumps 30-1-18.

McLellan found a length in his second over a bit, but runs continued to come easily, and Prowse hit well. He was, however, very lucky to snick Holden between first and second slip for four to send the 60 up. Owen Hughes just failed to get his straight to a shoulder high ball. The next ball went for four past cover. At this time Prowse had scored 23 of which 20 were boundary hits.

THE LONG EXPECTED CHANGE. Alec Pearce then relieved Holden and Prowse hit his first boundary, a full toss, high to square leg where Ride on the boundary brought off a nicely judged catch 60-2-24. A sturdy knock. To Phillimore Pearce bowled round the wicket with a ring of five fields, from first slip a mid-off where he performed prodigies of valour in stopping hot cracks. Davenport turned the first ball of McLellan's next over behind square leg where Alec Pearce made a quick catch 68-3-20.

Kirkwood hit the next ball to the square leg boundary and sent 70 up, but after a single Pearce got Kirkwood caught at mid-off. 73-4-4. Possibly the effects of the roller were now wearing off or perhaps the batsmen were now working hard. It had been made earlier. Hayward then put on Wodehouse for McLellan. Two maidens were sent down but the last ball of Pearce's bowled Wodehouse (73-5-0).

Things looked promising but the margin was very small and Hayter and Boucher were to come in while Phillimore was apparently set. The latter scored a two and a single and then Wodehouse bowled Hayter with a beauty which came back from the off. If Hayter had gone out to meet it I fancy he would have smothered it. 76-6-0.

At last the two left handers were together. Phillimore forced a three off the off which should have been single but for bad fielding. Boucher had a tremendous beat which failed to connect and then one popped and he was caught at second slip off Wodehouse's last ball. (80-7-0.) Next over Phillimore turned Pearce's fifth ball into Ride's hands at forward short leg—80-8-32! Wicket maiden. Forster had a go at Wodehouse's second ball and back went his leg peg. 80-9-0. Fifteen to get and one wicket to go! And Harper was l.b.w. first ball.

REFLECTIONS. The above record was written during the progress of the game and now for a few reflections made later on. In spite of the fact that no one blamed the wicket very much, the ball was certainly doing things. Seeing that it had stopped raining about six the night before and that there had been a breeze and hot sun, I was surprised that Hayward chose to bat as I thought the wicket might roll out easier in the afternoon and as matter of fact I think it did. Anyway I happen to know that the Navy skipper would have sent the Club in had he won the toss.

Baines and Wodehouse saved the Club. In the 15th innings the roller had cured up the pitch and it took a long time to wear off. Hayward was criticised in the pavilion for keeping Holden on too long. But they were flicking at his off ball and the wicket was hardly ready for Pearce. McLellan told me that up to his last over the pitch was not helping him a bit.

I think Hayward chose the psychological moment to make his change, but the Club's rather slovenly fielding had allowed the Navy to make far too many runs.



Wong Wah-gay, South China "B" custodian saves well when sternly pressed by Fullers forwards during the league match on Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

### BADMINTON SEASON RESTARTS TO-NIGHT BIG PROGRAMME

Y.M.C.A. MAKE DEBUT

(By "Veritas")

A return to league badminton after a fortnight's adjournment will be made this evening, and more than ordinary interest in the season's programme inasmuch as the two University teams come into the picture, while Chinese Y.M.C.A., who voluntarily sought transfer from the Junior to the senior division, will match their skill against the Colony's best teams.

All eight teams in the "A" Division are engaged this evening. University "A", who are regarded in several quarters as being the most likely winners of the championship, open their programme with a home match against St. Andrew's.

The Saints' chances of taking points from the Varsity are rather forlorn, but they do exist. At least visiting teams this year will not be faced with court handicaps when they play at the University, for the new gymnasium, with its high ceiling and generally admirable conditions, is being used for badminton. This is a vast improvement on the former court which was situated at Elliot Hall.

I understand the University players have been putting in extensive practice, paying particular attention to developing high clearing shots. Baseline play was formerly the weakness of the Varsity men, but it appears this is now being remedied.

On the face of it, I imagine St. Andrew's will do well to take three games this evening.

## Y.M.C.A. DEBUT

The most interesting match of the evening is at Chinese Y.M.C.A., when the Young Men receive Recreio and the same time make their debut in the senior division. The likelihood of the Y.M.C.A. winning is considerable, as they enjoy a very definite advantage in playing on their own court, which, with its assortment of volleyball, basketball and badminton court markings, is by no means ideal for the shuttlecock game. In addition the Y.M.C.A. is a powerful team, and fully capable, I imagine of beating Recreio second string, who, although a useful side, is by no means the strongest in the league.

Recreio "A" will pit their might against University "B", and can be expected to win on their own court, while I doubt very much if Free Lancers can avoid defeat against Chinese Recreation Club down at Causeway Bay.

In the "B" Division King's College can be expected to be tested by St. John's, a steady reliable all-round team, though the final result will probably go in favour of the College, who are at home. Victoria Recreation Club took good for a win against St. Andrew's "B", while Kowloon Tong "A" must win against their second string.

### WICKETS TUMBLE

(Continued from Page 8.)

ly and finally knocked off the runs with six wickets down. Elvins upon whom the Army relied very much for bowling strength, failed completely to make any impression on the batsmen. Baldwin hit him lustily, while Broadbridge was bold enough to crack him for 4, 6, 6, 4, off successive balls.

### SMART POLICE WIN FAILURE OF NAVY BATSMEN HELPS DEFEAT

Held to be a team liable to crack up when playing away from home, the Police on Saturday did their best to belie this impression by visiting the Navy at King's Park and winning on the matting wicket by four wickets.

Navy were without Tel. Foster, their speed merchant, but the biggest reverse suffered was the dismissal for "blobs" of L.S.A. Flynn and Lt. Cdr. D'Arcy Evans. Though Trigg batted valiantly to retrieve lost fortunes, and scored a hearty 71, the total of 134 was quite inadequate against such a formidable batting side as the Police. They proceeded to get the runs for the loss of six wickets. Carey contributing 43, Pope 34, and Loughlin 24.

### STOKER'S 7 FOR 20 INTERESTING POSITION FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

K.C.C. AND POLICE WELL PLACED

Though most of the teams in the second division have reached the halfway stage of their fixtures, the championship is still a very open affair. The best placed teams are K.C.C. and Police. Though Army "B" lead at the moment they have only a point in hand of K.C.C. and have played two more matches. K.C.C. and Club are the two teams with unbeaten records, but the former have drawn two games and the latter three. On the other hand Police have lost one and won the rest of their five encounters.

IRC, the present champions appear to have lost most of their chances of retaining the title, having already lost two matches. It would appear on present form that K.C.C. and Police will be the final contenders for the championship, and perhaps it is fitting the Kowloon district league match of the season should be against the Police. Quite possibly this will determine the championship.

## URBAN COUNCIL

It is notified in the Government Gazette that a vacancy has occurred on the Urban Council, necessitating an election. Nominations of candidates to fill the vacancy are invited. Each nomination must be in writing, signed by two electors last league match of the candidate and delivered in a sealed envelope, to the Presiding Officer, at the Registry, Supreme Court, not later than 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13.

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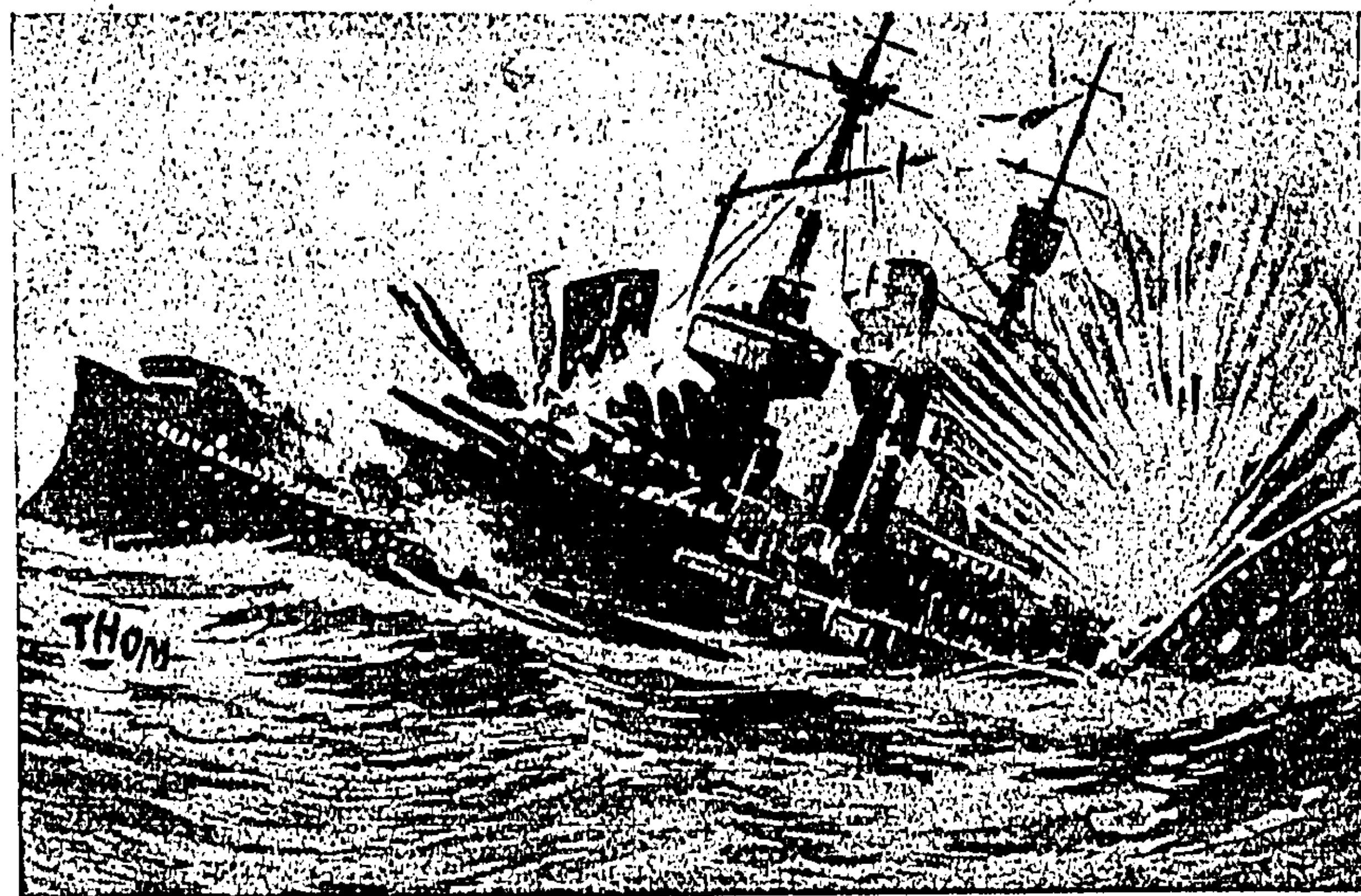
By  
Torpedoman  
Albert E. Pratt

One of the crew of H.M.S.  
Natal at the time of  
the disaster

## TO-DAY IN THE PAST

# The Story Of The Blowing-Up of H.M.S. Natal

To-day a naval man tells of the blowing up in the Cromarty Firth on New Year's Eve, 1915, of the armoured cruiser Natal. Four hundred persons on board were killed.



IT is said that the two beetling headlands, scarcely a mile apart, which form the bottle-neck opening to Cromarty Firth in Scotland, are called "The Sutors," because on the crest of each there used to live a cobbler with only one last between the two of them.

This, says legend, they shared by throwing it backwards and forwards as required—"sutor" being the Latin and an old Scottish word for cobbler. But, whatever you may think of this local lore, there can be no doubt that nowhere on the coast of Great Britain is there a better protected or more sequestered natural harbour.

This is the reason Cromarty Firth was one of the most important naval bases during the war. Some of the swiftest and most vital naval dramas had their beginning in that twenty-mile stretch of water with the straggling burghs of Invergordon on the one side and Cromarty on the other.

## A Pulse of the War

The Admiralty was constantly in touch with this northern stronghold, for sometimes the entire High Sea Fleet would be moored there in readiness for action.

Special trains often left London secretly in the middle of the night and raced non-stop over those 700 miles that lay between London and Invergordon carrying with them munitions, food supplies, and not infrequently some of the big naval chiefs in a special saloon coach attached to the rear.

Cromarty Firth was one of the pulses of the war.

An urgent message flashed from one of the Sea Lords in London would in a few minutes send a squadron of our greatest ships steaming between "The Sutors."

Towards the end of 1915 there was considerable movement in the Firth.

"The Sutors" had been fortified. A mine-laying station had been established at a local distillery. A line of oil tanks for the refuelling of the great men-of-war of the Fleet stretched for a quarter of a mile along the northern shore.

The water was dotted with every description of craft. There were battleships and cruisers, destroyers and submarines, torpedo-boats and aircraft carriers, mine-layers and minesweepers, and auxiliary craft of various kinds—eighty to a hundred in all.

Among the medley of craft anchored off Cromarty was the 13,500 tons armoured cruiser Natal, one of the last ships of the pre-Dreadnought age.

She had been built a good many years before at a cost of £1,218,244, including her six 9.2 and four 7.5 guns, and normally she carried a complement of 704 officers and men.

On the morning of December 30 there was a good deal of activity aboard the ship, for it was known that the commissioned ranks were giving a New Year party that same afternoon to which their brother officers from other boats had been invited, as well as friends and relations living on shore and nurses from the hospital ships.

The cook had been ordered to prepare a special feast, with all the customary dishes and delicacies of celebration, and the officers' quarters were gaily decorated with flags, bunting and coloured balloons. The ship's band was to play and there was to be dancing. A cinema show also was included in the programme, and games for the children, of whom a number were to be present.

Lord Jellicoe—then Sir John Jellicoe—and Lady Jellicoe, who were at Invergordon, had been sent an invitation, and were expected aboard the Natal during the festivities.

I remember that day very well—dull and dry, with a cold wind sweeping across the Firth from the north, and raising the smaller of the craft rhythmically to rock in the grey, ruffled waters.

## Proud "Ironclad"

Shortly after noon a large number of the men left the ship, myself among them, for, apart from the

fact that the party, excepting a number of helpers from the non-commissioned ranks, was only for officers and their friends, we non-commissioned ones had our own particular pastime—a football match at Cromarty between the petty officers and men of the Natal.

After the match I happened to take a look at the Natal, which lay below the playing field alongside her sister ships—the Shannon, the Cochrane, and the Achilles.

A proud "ironclad" she looked, indeed, with the Union Jack fluttering from her masthead. I wondered how the party was going and if the children were enjoying themselves.

And it was at this moment that there occurred a sight that froze the blood in my veins, that lives with me to this day in nightmares—a sight that set me shouting to my football friends and impelled one and all to rush pell-mell down to the water-side.

A tower of sickly yellow flame had suddenly shot up from the aft of the ship.

It leaped above the masthead. It seemed even to dwarf the mountains in the background.

It struck terror to the hearts of all who saw it—and they say its flash was noticed ten miles away at Fortrose, despite the daylight. It was unmistakably the flash of burning cordite.

Almost simultaneously there sounded a deep, rumbling explosion, that, by reason of its remoteness, seemed to come from the depth of the sea.

It was followed by two sharper explosions. The vessel immediately swung and swayed in alarming fashion. Then she suddenly began to heel

to port. Over, over she slowly went. Those of her crew and others who had by then reached the deck slid into the water like beans from a shovel.

Some who managed to cling on to the ship's fixtures made frantic efforts to scramble up the rapidly steepening deck.

Further, further she went, till her rail touched the water with her bilge keel pointing heavenwards.

For a moment she lay there, while a straggling line of survivors floundered on her slimy hull.

Yet another explosion from her depths—so muffled that it seemed more like the dull throb of a pulse—and with a great shudder the Natal had disappeared.

It all happened in less than five minutes. So short had been the enactment of this great disaster that one felt it to have been unreal—the grotesque hallucinations of some haunting nightmare.

Nothing but a seething mass of white foam to mark the spot, dotted with patches of struggling human beings who had survived.

## Saved by Teeth

An immediate rush to the rescue was made by every available craft. There was a string of tenders, launches, and this followed by a flotilla of rowing boats and dinghies whose oarsmen pulled, feverishly.

The scenes in the water as boats drew alongside were indescribably terrible. Many of the survivors were striving to keep up despite their dreadful injuries caused no doubt by the explosion. Many sank before help came.

There was one man whose hands had been blown off. A rope was thrown to him by a rescue party in a

launch. He gripped the rope with his teeth and was thus drawn to safety.

Not one of the civilians who had gone aboard the cruiser, however, was to be seen. None in fact, has ever been found from that day to this.

No doubt they were impetioned in the ship where the party was being held.

Perhaps they were already dead before the ship sank, for although, considering the magnitude of the disaster, the detonations were comparatively small, it was apparent when salvage work on the boat began some years later that the force of the concussion must have been terrible.

The entire stern of the ship was found to be missing. Divers discovered pieces of her propellers on the bed of the Firth many yards away from the wreckage.

This surprising disparity between noise and damage is probably because the explosion was well down in the ship below the waterline.

## Submarine Theory

Many theories were advanced to account for the disaster.

"At first it was thought, that an enemy submarine had succeeded in breaching the defences of 'The Sutors' and passed between them into the Firth, but this view was subsequently dismissed, because it was unlikely that any under-water craft could have safely negotiated the network of mines laid at the entrance to the Firth.

Another conjecture was that an enemy agent had introduced an infernal machine into one of the after magazines.

Yet the magazines and shell rooms which it was assumed had exploded caused the ship to sink were found intact by the salvors.

Even their cordite charges and projectiles were discovered still in their places.

The theory which gained greatest ground was that an infernal machine set to explode at a given hour was introduced into the ship's coal bunkers. The fact that the Natal had returned from a Liverpool docking only a few days before the disaster, and it was notorious that the dock gates were unguarded and that even eighteen months after the outbreak of war it was a comparatively easy matter for any one to board vessels in the guise of workmen, coupled with the coincidence that the other two battleships destroyed by internal explosions during the war—the Vanguard and the Bulwark—were coal-burning ships, lent a certain credence to the theory.

Moreover, it was well known that during the war Germany produced skillfully camouflaged bombs to resemble blocks of coal, oil drums and parts of ship's gear in readiness for the opportunity to "plant" them in British battleships.

Yet another hazard as to the cause of the disaster, discussed at the time was that the cinematograph film that was to have been shown accidentally caught alight and ignited the explosives aboard.

But this has since been discounted by the discovery by divers of the film, quite intact, strips of which practically every one in the surrounding towns and villages now possesses as a souvenir.

## Wonderful Escapes

Perhaps the most feasible explanation is that in some way one of the magazines became ignited and exploded, immediately flooding the others. This would account for the salvors finding them intact.

This theory is most possibly correct, since the Natal at the time

was in harbour trim with all her water-tight doors open.

No one will ever be able to relate what actually happened in those few terrible minutes.

Of those who were in the very heart of the ship none survived, for even if they were alive after the explosion their escape was cut off through the concussion slamming and jamming the doors of the interior gangways.

Salvors had to hack their open when working on the ship. Of those who were picked out to the water alive shortly after the disaster every one was too dazed to give a coherent story. In all 428 officers, men, nurses and civilians were lost. A number of survivors later succumbed from their injuries. Many stories of miraculous escapes were told. One man ashore missed the launch which would have put him aboard the Natal five minutes before the disaster.

An Invergordon doctor and his wife were among those invited. They were about to leave their house for the Natal when a telephone message called the doctor to an accident in the town. He tried to persuade his wife "not to miss the fun," and preceded him to the party.

He would follow later. She, however, insisted on waiting his return from his case. Before he came back for her the Natal had disappeared.

The news that Sir John and Lady Jellicoe were aboard the cruiser spread through the town, but as it happened they were, fortunately, unable at the last minute to attend the celebrations.

Black Isle, as they call Cromarty and the surrounding locality, is constantly reminded of the tragic fate of that proud ship and those who were aboard in the grim monument that every day emerges from the water when the tide ebbs.

Then the long line of the Natal's "bilge" keel can be plainly seen protruding several feet above the water like the humped back of a whale, surmounted each end by a beacon to safeguard shipping in the channel.

There she lies, masts downwards, at a slight angle which brings up her "bilge" keel squarely from the water's surface.

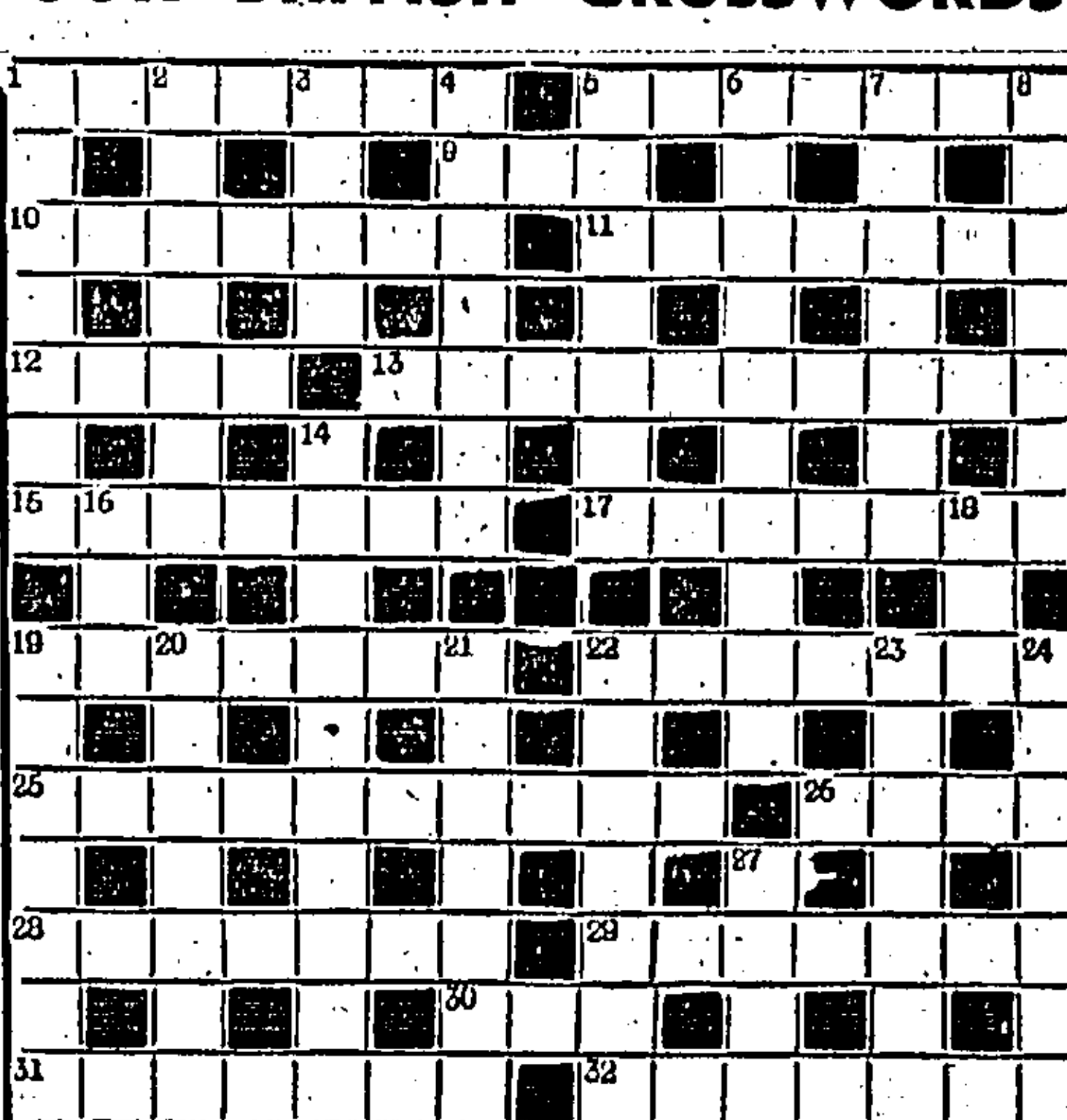
Occasionally the ferryman who plies between Cromarty and Invergordon will leave his usual route and draw up alongside the ship to enable a relative, a passenger in his boat, reverently to place a wreath of flowers on her wave-washed wreckage.

## Razor Blades Now

Sometimes a diver, groping his way about her watery barnacle-hung corridors in connection with the salvage work, will come across an ominous heap of bleached bones.

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- 5 The golfer who buys this is concerned with the sphere of economy.
- 9 Things in this are probably wanted.
- 10 These flatten the sands.
- 11 Put the grate around in the wrong way and the result is hard.
- 12 An architectural feature that changed the fashion.
- 13 Where America takes stock (two words).
- 15 Double.
- 17 "Star tie" (anag.).
- 19 An old master.
- 22 May, perhaps.
- 25 A statement that might clear up a 24 down.
- 26 This is indeed fortunate.
- 28 A nautical cord.
- 29 Reports of this are rife in war.
- 30 An expressive part of 22 down.
- 31 "He heats" (anag.).
- 32 This vehicle has a distinct rotary movement in it.

### DOWN

- 1 Semi-precious stone.
- 2 Cool mob makes a hot town.
- 3 Worry.
- 4 This may be all over the fruit.
- 5 A collection to make Bill Sikes' mouth water.
- 6 A growing concern.
- 7 It's a cool customer that has this quality.

- 8 It has wings, but cannot fly; it has flies that cannot take wing.
- 14 Neutralise with suggestion of sale.
- 16 A personal query.
- 18 Part of 15 across.
- 19 Companions of combs.
- 20 A sorry performance, so to speak.
- 21 Think of what is left, and it will be right.
- 22 This is conveyed here, but not even in the middle.
- 23 An amateur of arresting power.
- 24 A puzzling thing this.
- 27 Italian river.

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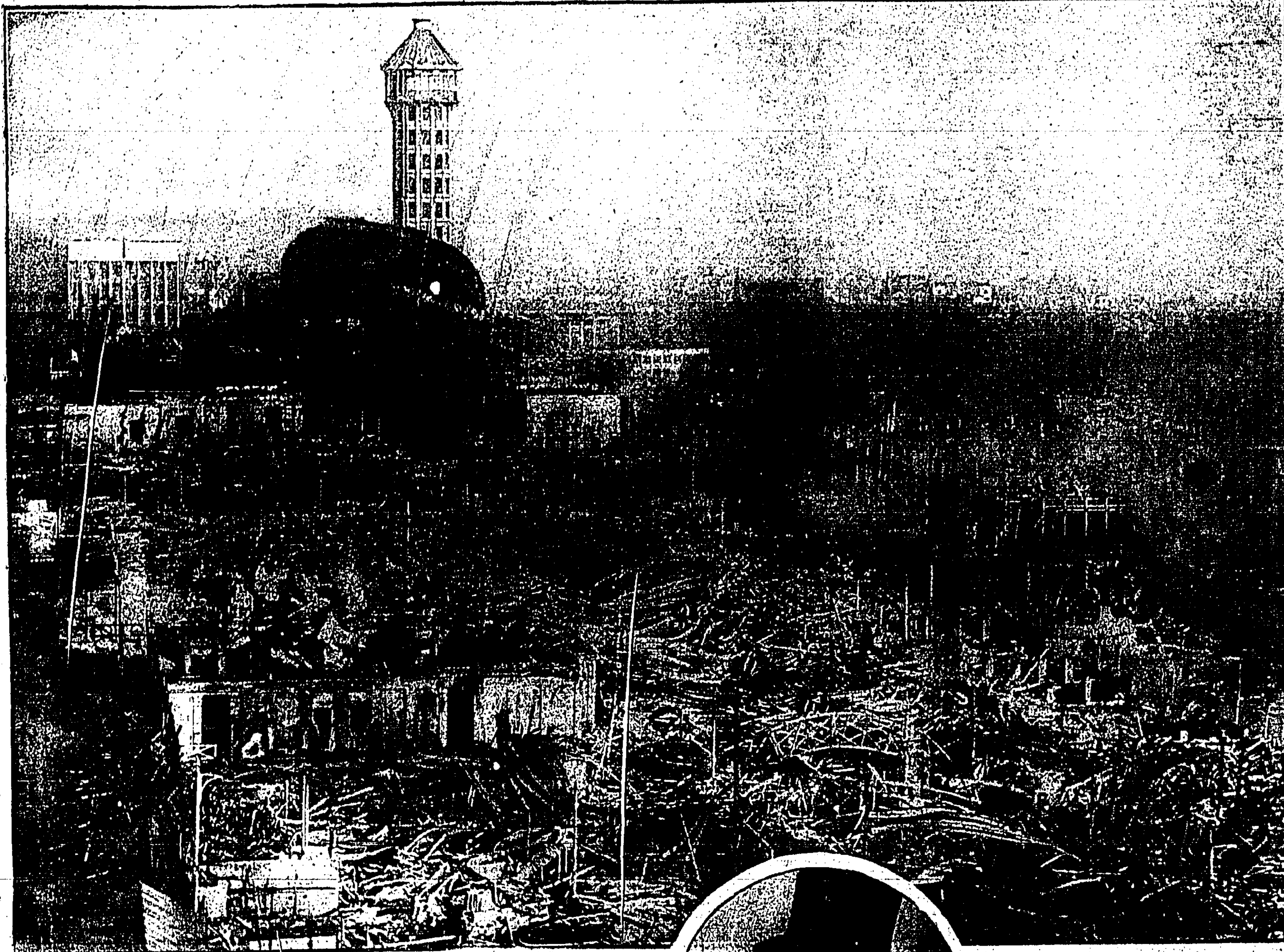


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FROM FAR AND NEAR

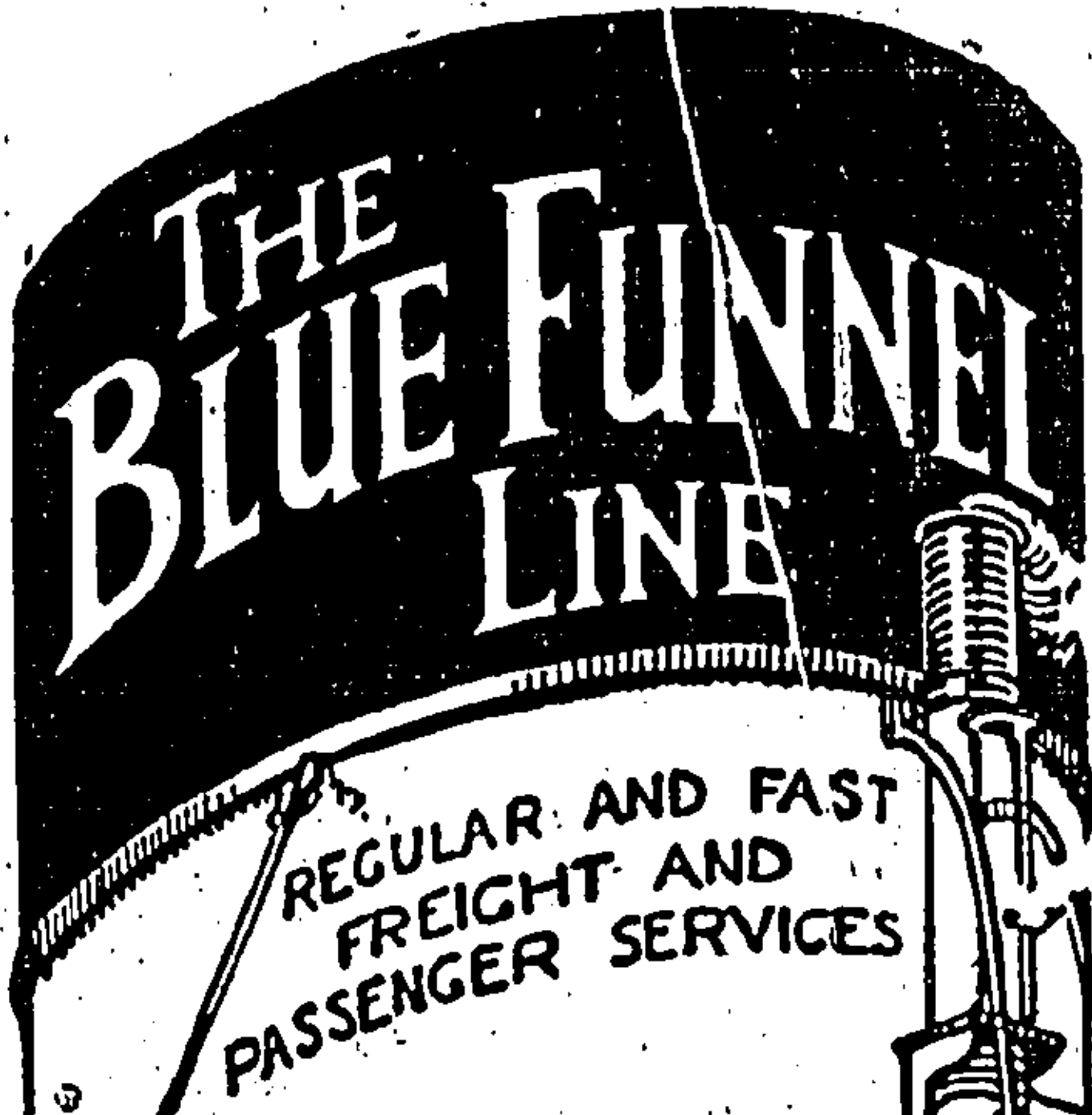
# Hongkong Telegraph PHOTONEWS

HAPPENINGS  
AS SEEN BY  
THE CAMERA'S EYE

## THIS WAS THE CRYSTAL PALACE



BEHIND the blackened framework of the wrecked north transept, one of the Crystal Palace towers stood sentinellike as the smoke drifted away and the flames died down, to reveal a desolate waste. A mass of twisted iron, steel and glass was all there was to be seen when a photographer flew over the scene, of the once gracefully-arched centre transept.



### LONDON SERVICE

HECTOR sails 13 Jan. for Mar'lee, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow

MENESTHEUS sails 27 Jan. for Marseilles, Oaablance, L'don, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Glasgow

### LIVERPOOL SERVICE

EDMUND sails 30 Jan. for Havre, Liverpool & Bromborough

### NEW YORK SERVICE

GLAUCUS sails 21 Jan. for Boston, N.Y., Philadelphia & Baltimore via Manila, Batavia, Straits & Cape of Good Hope

### PACIFIC SERVICE (via Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama)

TALITHYBIUS sails 12th Jan. for Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

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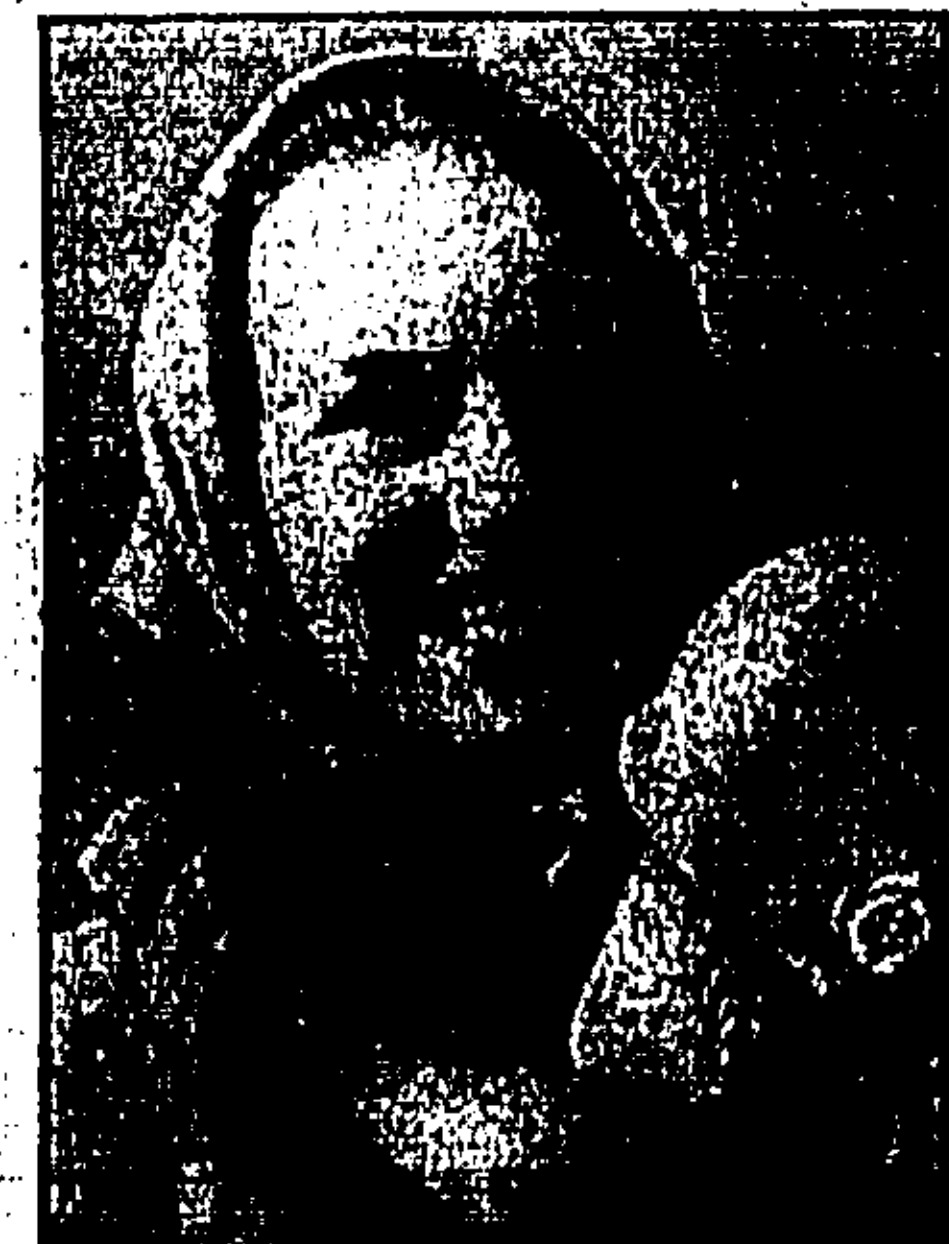
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### O.K. FOR SIGHT

Grandmother had only her precious studio studies as a wedding keepsake. The modern bride faces the moving film camera. With top hat tilted back, a guest, above, "shot" smiling Mrs. Violet Stephenson, left, after her wedding to Mr. J. Flahburn at Brompton Oratory



Czechoslovakia



Italy



England These examples of camera art are from "Photograms of the Year," 1937, the annual review of the world's pictorial photographic work. "High Jinks" is the appropriate title of the happy holiday study above. The pictures from abroad are called, left to right, "Joy" and "Contadini Abruzzese."

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Authorized Capital ..... \$50,000,000  
Issued and Fully Paid-up ..... \$5,000,000  
Reserve Fund ..... \$4,500,000  
Hongkong Currency Reserve \$10,000,000  
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$25,000,000

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FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION  
V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.  
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Subscribed and Paid-up ..... \$2,500,000  
Reserve Fund ..... \$500,000

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W. J. WADDINGTON, Manager.

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved security.

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1936.



# KINGS

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.30 P.M.

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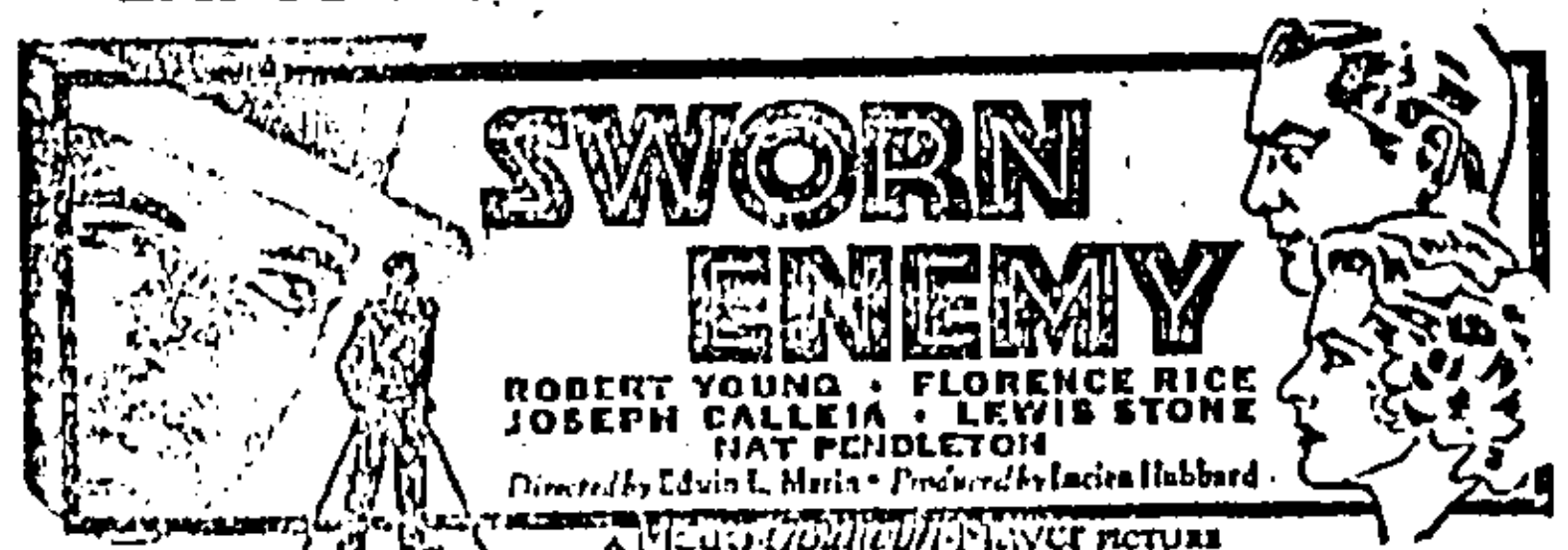
WEDNESDAY with CHARLEY CHASE — PATSY KELLY  
M.G.M. Picture "KELLY THE SECOND"

ONE THE STAGE "THE DUO ARTINELLIS"  
"THE DIXIE SISTERS"

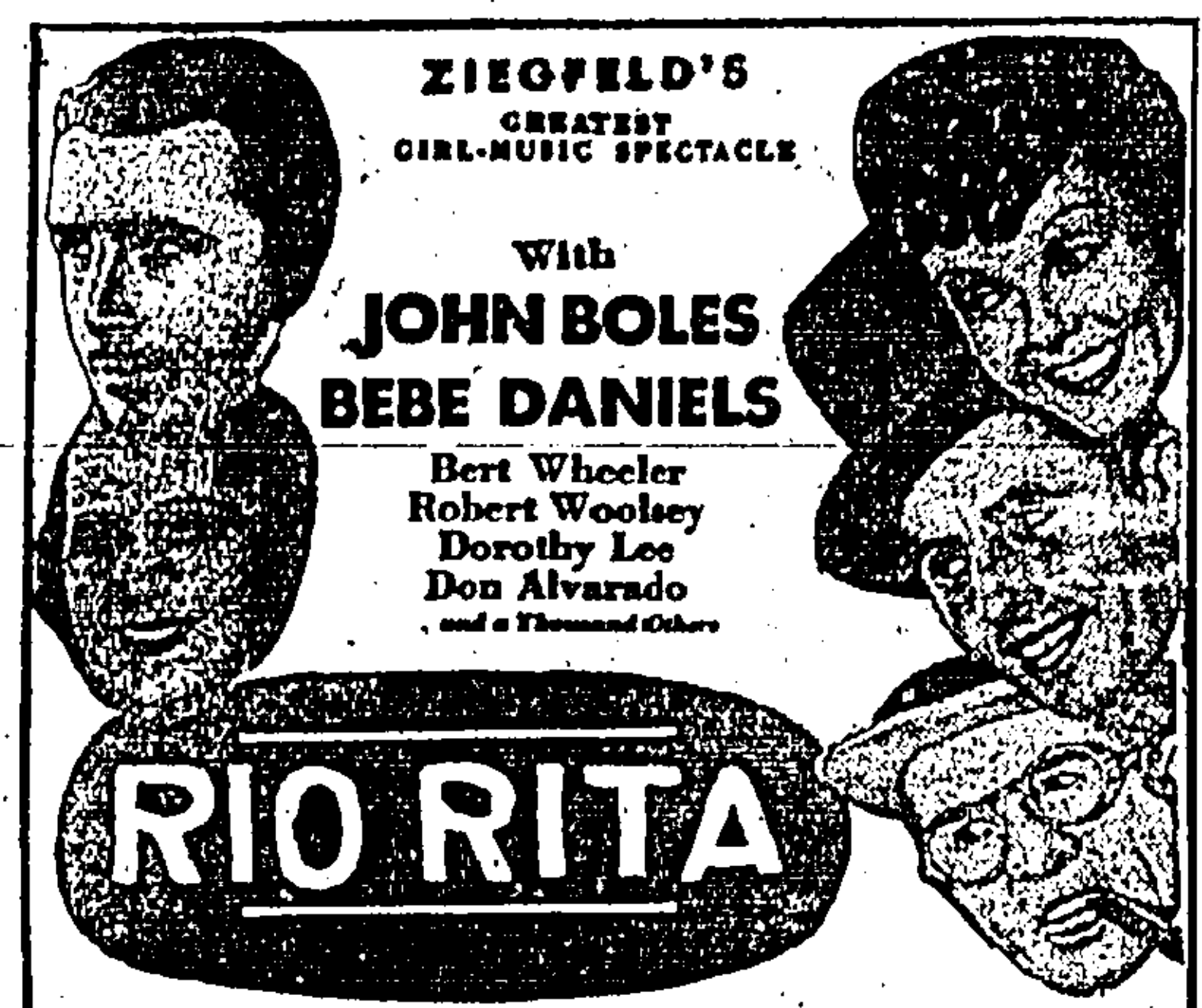
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THE BAND OF THE 2ND BATTALION  
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## GERMAN PRINCES TRAVEL

PERMITTED TO GO  
TO THE HAGUE  
FOR MARRIAGE  
OF JULIANA

The Hague, Jan. 3.  
Following the release of their passports, the family of the Duke of Mecklenburg and about 40 German princes and other nobles, are expected here to-morrow. They are coming to the Dutch capital for the marriage of Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard von Lippe-Biesterfeld.

It is possible that Prince Bernhard's mother, the Princess Amberg, will be unable to attend the ceremony on account of ill-health.—Reuter.

The difficulty of the German princes with respect to passports arose out of the incident at the Hague at which, Nazis declare, the Swastika was insulted. The Swastika was not flown at an international football match and, as asserted, it was torn down by Dutchmen. All Swastika flags flying in the Hague are now being closely guarded, that German susceptibilities will not be further outraged.

## JAPANESE SHIPS FIRE ON SHORE

ALARMING INCIDENT  
PUZZLES CHINESE

Shanghai, Jan. 4.  
Inquiries in local Japanese circles to-day failed to confirm alarming Chinese reports that 10 Japanese warships, on January 2, swept the shore of Taitung, eastern Kiangsu, with machine-gun fire for half an hour before proceeding up-river. It was suggested, however, that the warships might have been conducting "target practice" on a training area after having been fired on.—Reuter.

## GOLD PRODUCTION INCREASES

RUSSIAN MINES MAKE SWIFT ADVANCE

New York, Jan. 3.  
The Bureau of Metal Statistics has reported that the world gold production for 1936 would total approximately 34,800,000 ounces. This compares with 30,000,000 ounces of world production in 1935. Also, it was estimated that the Russian gold output for the year 1936 was 20 per cent. above that of 1935.—United Press.

## CANADA'S RAYON OUTPUT GAINS

Washington, Jan. 3.  
The Department of Commerce reports that the Canadian silk and rayon industry is showing a sharply upward trend. The valuation of the production in 1935 was \$28,045,000 compared with \$14,470,000 in 1929, while the number of establishments engaged in the industry in 1935 was 33 compared with 28 in 1929, located in Quebec and Ontario.—United Press.

## SWEATER THEFT PREVIOUS CONVICTION DENIED

Kong Ying, 31, unemployed, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning for a theft of a white woollen sweater, valued at \$8, from Mr. E. E. Kent, of 13 Bay View Mansions. According to Sub-Inspector Madgwick, the theft occurred on Thursday last and defendant was arrested three days later at Bay View Mansions by a Chinese detective whose suspicions were aroused by the man's behaviour. Defendant was searched and a pawn ticket was found on him, relating to the sweater. He also had \$1.72. His Worship ordered defendant to pay \$1.70 as amends to complainant. Defendant denied that he had a previous conviction and His Worship thereupon remanded the case until to-morrow for enquiries to be made on that point.

## ZBW FAILURE OFFICIAL REPORT ON DEFECT

A report on Z.B.W. failure yesterday stated:—Owing to a defect to the low tension power supply to this transmitter, it was impossible to transmit the mid-day European programme and the first part of the evening programme. Z.B.W. transmitted the usual mid-day and afternoon Chinese programme and was then used for the European programme until temporary repairs were effected on Z.B.W. and the transmitter brought into use at about 8.35 p.m. Z.B.W.'s short-wave transmitter was not affected and broadcast the usual programme.

## INFLATION CAMPAIGN RENEWED

STRUGGLE EXPECTED IN CONGRESS

OPPOSITION BY BANKERS

Washington, Jan. 3.  
The proponents of inflation in the coming Congress are geared for a combined drive to prevent the currency definition movements which are attributed to banking influences.

They have indicated that they are commencing a fight for the \$3,000,000,000 farm mortgage inflation measure.

Representative William Lemke, Republican of North Dakota, has announced that he is introducing the Farm Mortgage Inflationary Bill, while Representative John E. Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, has announced that he is joining Senator Elmer Thomas, Democrat of Oklahoma in a bloc movement against the "sterilisation" of gold.

The Farm-Labour Representative for Wisconsin, Mr. Gerald J. Bollenau, has predicted that the House of Representatives "progressive" bloc, next week will take a definite stand in favour of the Frasier-Lemke Mortgage Bill.

There are other bloc movements also worrying the Administration.

These include the drought State bloc, which is demanding more work relief and aid for the farmers, and also a faction which is seeking early action on a broad Constitutional amendment stripping the Supreme Court of its powers.—United Press.

## FLEEING MAN CAUGHT

AFTER CHASE BY MOTOR-CAR

Getting into his "baby" car, Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens gave chase to and arrested a fleeing Chinese who had assaulted another Chinese in the Kowloon Magistrate's house in Prince Edward Road on Sunday night.

Appearing before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning, the man, Tang Kuen, 23, stone-mason, was charged with assaulting Lai Sang, 38, also a stone-mason. He was bound over in the sum of \$10 for one year, and ordered to pay \$2 compensation to Lai, who was cut slightly on the head, or undergo two weeks' imprisonment.

Inspector F. T. J. Portallion said that, earlier in the day, the two men had become involved in a quarrel, and about 6 p.m., Tang and four other Chinese attacked Lai as he was going home with his wife.

Hearing a commotion just outside his house, 353 Prince Edward Road, Mr. Stephens came out and saw Lai on the ground, blood streaming from a scalp wound. He also saw Tang and another man running along a piece of waste ground—bordered by Leven Road and Prince Edward Road in the direction of Argyle Street.

Urged by Lai's wife, he got into his car and gave chase, catching Tang near the junction of Argyle Street with Leven Road, and bringing him back to the scene of the assault, where an Indian constable took charge of the prisoner.

## BRITISH STEAMER FIRED ON

PROTEST MADE BY AMBASSADOR

London, Jan. 3.  
The Ambassador to Spain, who is at Hendaye, has been instructed to call the attention of the Burgos authorities to the incident in which the British steamship Black Hill, 2,492 tons, of Newcastle, was involved on Friday.

While on passage in ballast from Bayonne to Santander to load iron ore for the Tyne, the Black Hill was fired on by a trawler, which is reported to have been a Spanish insurance vessel. Sixteen shots were fired, but all fell short, and the Black Hill easily outdistanced her pursuer into Santander.

Sir Henry Chilton, in view of reports that the trawler belonged to the insurgent forces, will protest to the authorities at Burgos against its action.—British Wireless.

## PROTEST LODGED

Hendaye, Jan. 4.  
Great Britain has directed her Ambassador to Spain, Sir Henry Chilton, to protest to the rebel forces against the attack on the British merchantman, Black Hill.

Simultaneously, the German News Agency, Berlin, and the Black Hill's owners, of Newcastle, denied that the cruiser Koenigsberg had halted the ship. These sources state that a trawler, allegedly a rebel, fired 16 shots at the Black Hill in the Bay of Biscay but that the British ship escaped damage and is at present at Santander.—United Press.

## CONSTABLES IN OPIUM DIVAN

"DISGRACE TO THE FORCE"

"I consider it a discreditable exhibition; you are a disgrace to the force you represent," declared Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning when two Chinese constables were brought before him for misconducting themselves by being found in an opium divan. They were Chung Yau, aged 27, PCC 447, and Tang Chun, aged 20, PCC 319. Inspector Portallion said that about 11.25 p.m. on December 20, Police Sergeant Banks was on patrol in Pak Tai Street, Hung Hom. Outside house No. 16 he saw PCC 657 who should have been on patrol with PCC 133.

Sergeant Banks was about to ask him where his companion was when the man in question came out of No. 16. He said he had just gone inside to see what kind of a place it was. Entering the place, Sergeant Banks found that the whole of the ground floor was used as an opium divan.

Lying on a bed were the two defendants, in full uniform, smoking opium. At that time they should have been on duty in Kowloon City beats.

The first constable was fined \$100, or three months, while the other, on a bail of \$100, was fined similarly.

## QUEEN MARY BETTER

London, Jan. 3.  
Queen Mary, who is still at Sandringham with the King and Queen, is stated to have quite recovered from the cold which kept her indoors at Christmas time.—British Wireless.

## MAJESTIC THEATRE

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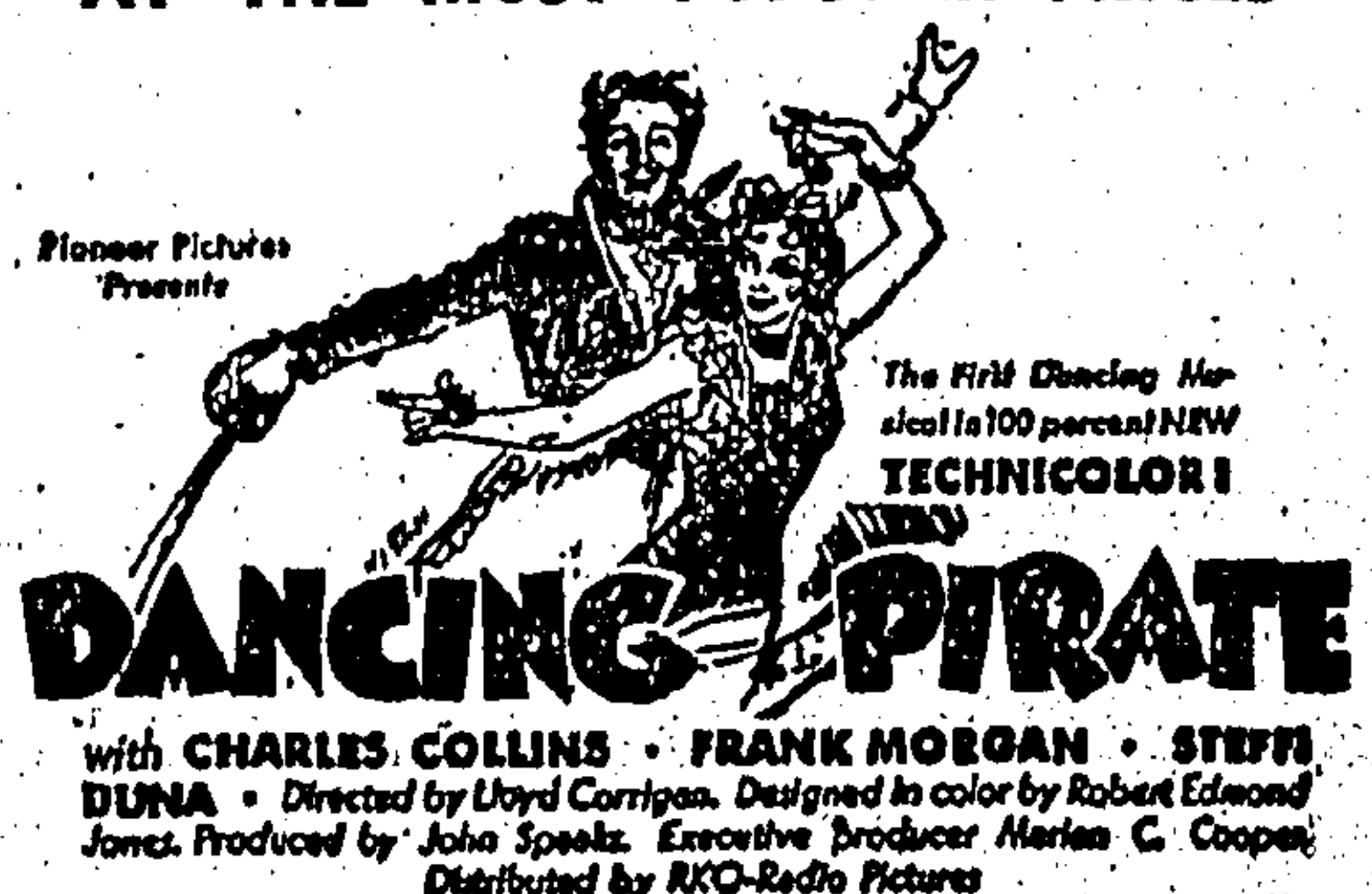


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